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LITTLE PEOPLE OF AMERICA, INC.
DISTRICT 12
CALIFORNIA--NEVADA
OCTOBER 1964

Oldest Active Member in District 12 Celebrates 80th Birthday

Lola Cox believed to be the Nations oldest active member celebrated her 80th birthday on October 7. Lola came to work in San Francisco at the Panama Exposition in 1915. After the exposition closed she went to work for a printing and typsetting company in 1919. Although the company has changed ownership several times since then, she has worked there continuesly. At one time she was the boss of the present boss. The firm is now known as the Scott Typsetting Service. Lola's job is that of a proofreader, bookeeper, and office girl. In her spare time she makes out income tax returns. She is and has been for some time the corresponding secretary for the Show Folks of America. Earlier this year she was awarded a gold card life membership to that organization. She is considered a valuable employee but has been trying to have her boss let her retire. If this happens, she plans on taking a trip back to her home state of Missouri and visit reletives and friends for a while. She then plans to come back to San Fracisco and work part time to keep busy. Lola refuses to apply for an associate membership in the LPA and states that she will continue to pay her dues as long as she is here.

SOME OF THE FUTURE PLANS FOR DISTRICT 12

Being that the district convention is September was such a success, there are plans working for another event of some kind for next spring. This will be a one day,possably two, affair. The location may be in the San Joaquin Valley somewhere. There will be more information on this in the future newsletters. Still, if the membership is interested, I would like to hear from you right away with any ideas you may have.

A steped up membership drive for 1965 will start on November 1st. We wish all those receiving this newsletter to look around and send in names and addresses of any Little People that you may know of. There is a National competition started among the 14 districts regarding members in the LPA. As it stands right now district 12 is 1st wigh the largest mailing list, 2nd for the amount of paid members, and 9th for the percentage of paid members to the amount of people on the mailing list. District 2 is 1s t with the amount of paid members and second with the largest mailing list. District 8 is coming up fast in both of these catagories and may pass all districts in 1965. I have stopped accepting dues for 1964 but will accept any dues paid before the new year for 1965. Anyone paying their 1965 dues now will receive all benifits for the reamining of this year.

Last month was t he last t ime that nonpaying members will receive the National News Letter. We were short on copys last month and anyone not receiving a National news can have one by writeing t o me and I will send one.
This month and from now on only Little People of America members will receive the National news. I have been given permision to send out 10 extra copys to non-members. If you receive one of these copys and are not a LPA member, remember that this is only temperary.

DISTRICT 12 HAS A BENEFACTER

A person by the name of Stan Dean has agreed to furnish the paper for the district 12 newsletter free as long as he is able providing I send it to non-members. This applys to the district news only.

FORMER DELANO RESIDENT MOVES TO OAKLAND

The former Carolyn Keas, now Mrs. David Gore is residing in the Bay Area. Carolyn has been married for two years and has a one year old daughter by the name of Fonda. She too will be a Little People it is reported. Carolyn attended the Las Vegas convention and those that were there may remember her. She was a teenager then. Anyone wishing to correspond with Carolyn may do so by writeing to her in care of me.

ONE OF OUR TEENAGERS IS IN THE HOSPITAL

Roseann Smith, of the Bay Area Chapter, is in the hospital for a corrective operation on her leg. Anyone wishing to send her a card or letter can do so by writeing in care of the San Leandro Memorial Hospital, San Leandro, Calif.

Speaking of Teenagers.... The Teenage Group Co-Chairmen report that they have been receiving very little correspondance. Come on you Teenagers,write. If you have forgotten their address here it is. Darlene & Dorene Howsden,2680 Dunn Rd. Hayward, Calif.

The Following is a List of Names Of People That Have Had Their Newsletters Returned For Various Reasons. ANYONE KNOWING OF THEIR PRESENT ADDRESS, PLEASE SEND IT TO ME.

Miss De Paris	Marrio Lococo	Miss Sharon Shirk	LITTLE LITTLES
Delbert Hacker	Rudy Mendoza	Mr. Ernesto Sobrino	Joe Creech
Bob Kanter	Mr. Walter Miller	Felix Silla	Bobby Gaunder
Claude Knight	Mr. David Rojas	Mrs. H. L. Watts	David Thompson

ANYONE WISHING TO PURCHASE CHRISTMAS CARDS, READ THE FOLLOWING CARFULLY

Shirley Leschander of t he Los Angeles Chapte r Reports that anyone purchasing their Christmas cards from her., that she will donate 25% of the sale to the district LPA. For the out of towners this is how it will have to work. Anyone interested, go to any department store that has a Christmas card album and pick out your choise. It must be albums of the following card companys. National Artcrafts, White, Sonnel, Hampton, Mission. Send your order to Shirley and she will mail it back to you. Here is her address.

Shirley Leschander
Clover Leaf Gift Shop
4919 Lankershim Blvd.
No. Hollywood, Calif.

ALONG WITH THIS NEWSLETTER IS A INFORMATION SHEET. These are old sheets, but the questions are the same. Please fill out these sheets and send them back to me. Don't be too brief. Let us know your likes and dislikes, your hobbies, your oppinion of the LPA ect. If need be, write on the backs.

PARENTS OF LITTLE LITTLES....ATTENTION

In last months newsletter, I listed the names of the two District 12 representatives of the newly formed LPA PARENTS AUXILIARY. As of now there hasn't been any word from any of the parents. Get in contact with these representatives and express your oppinions, your likes and dislikes ect.

Northern California
Marlene Costilla
1351 Drake Ave.
San Leandro, Calif.

Southern California
Mary White
1126 N. Buena Vista
Burbank, Calif.

District News.....Bay Area Chapter

Meeting of Oct. 3,1964
The opening prayer was said b y Pat Murray. Gordon Pearl was introdused as a possable New member. Fulvio Parenti gave a report on the coming dance. He reported that the price of the tickets was droped to 50¢ each. There will also be on the floor drawings for several extra prizes. Elsie East brought up the subject of our regular Christmas party in December for the Little Littles. It was agrred that this will be the main topic for the November meeting. Al Stickney brought up the subject of local dues. It made into a motion and passed that anyone wishing could pay their dues in advance for $5.00 thus saving $1.00 a year. Pat Murry suggested that we have more social pleasure at the meeting s. It was voted to have some type of game at the November meeting. The Meeting will start at 7:30 sharp and the business will end at 8:30. For the rest of evening, it will be game time. We will have as a guest at the November meeting a Mrs. Helen Bottel, a reporter from Sacramento. She plans on doing a feature article of the LPA group for the King features syndicate. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 with a closing prayer from Pat murray. We then all sang Happy Birthday to Lola.

AT THE PRINTING OF THIS NEWSLETTER, THERE WAS NO NEWS FROM THE L. A. CHAPTER.

District 12 Chairman...Bob East

==LATE NEWS.....
Just now received a letter from our LPA president, Lee Kitchens, regarding normal sized parents of Little Littles. Theycan Now be members to the LPA Auxiliary. $7.50 takes care of the whole family. Both parents and all the Little Littles that there may be.

BAY AREA CHAPTER DANCE.....NOV.21st 9:00PM
48th st and Shattuck Ave. Oakland, Calif.
Everyone welcome....50¢ addmision

TEENAGE NEWS cont.
Roseann Smith, Of the Bay Area Chapter, is home from the hospital. She is still in the cast and will remain so until around the first of December. She will then go back into the hospital and have another cast put on. Possably a walking cast, depending on how things are going. Anyone wishing to correspond with her the address is as follows, Roseann Smith, 2921 - 35th Ave., Oakland, Calif.

CHAPTER NEWS...

LOS ANGELES CHAPTER
Minutes of the Oct. 24,1964 meeting at Plummer Park.
The meeting was called to order by Otto Bohmann, Vice Chairman, in the absence of Chairman Billy Barty.
Ther were approximately 40 people in attendance with three visiters. The visiters being Betty Nichols and Mrs. Lillie Johnson from Bakersfield and Al Stickney from the Bay Area.
The forthcoming diner dance in December was disscused in detail and reports were as follows. A three peice orcastra will play for the dance. Rules of the establishment prohibits anyone under 16 years old to attend. The first 50 people to arrive will receive prizes such as cigarette lighters, pens ect. A number of door prizes have been obtained also.
With any moneys left over, a Christmas party will be given for the Little Littles on December 19th. Because of this party, there will be no regular meeting for December.
Volunteers were asked for a committee to work on the Christmas party. Yvonne Boursee, Launa Kinzel, Anna Dixon, and Georgia Rossitto will form the committee.
Harvey Williams donated the use of his fire engine for rides for the children and also donated the $5.00 necessary for the permit to bring the engine onto the park grounds.
Because of the Thanksgiving holiday, the regular fourth Saturday of the month meeting was changed to November 21st.
Hostesses for the evening were Mrs. Jeannie Austin and Miss Virginia Gheddes.

Bay Area Chapter
Meeting of November 7,1964

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 followed by the opening prayer by Pat Murray.
Deloris Crone and Gordon Pearl were introduced as new members. Peggy Stockton's Mother introduced her guest. Martin Roger's guest for the evening was Mrs. Bottel, a news reporter from Sacramento.
Fulvio Parenti was called upon to make a report on the forthcoming dance. He reported that more tickets had been printed and that tickets would be sent to those members not presant. Everthing for the dance is all set.
Mary Jane Carlino made a motion to get started on the Christmas party for the Little Littles. Elsie East will be the chairman in charge assisted by Mary Jane, Hilda Lange, and Pat Murray.
Joe Vercellino made the suggestion to have Mr. Rogers take pictures of each person in the group and put into a large frame to be kept in our club room. It was made into a motion and passed.
It was anounced for the members to start looking for a nice place to have our banquet in February.
Robert (Skip) Barstow, from Santa Rosa, arrived late and was introduced as another new member.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 and everyone played Bingo until almost 11:00.

Something to think about;

"The best exersice for the heart is to reach down and help someone up."

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CLASSIFIEDS...

Christmas cards or any kind of cards or gifts see or write to:
Shirley Leschander
4919 Lankershim Blvd.
No. Hollywood, Calif.

Brake, Clutch, and accelerater extensions for most American make autos:
Bob East
3807 Brookdale Ave.
Oakland, Calif. 94619

LATE NEWS****
Gordon England had an operation on his nose recently and is now back in school.

Nov. 22nd. The Bay Area Chapter had their dance last night and it was a complete success.

I will put in free of chargge, for any LPA member in district 12, any classified add.

Sincerely yours; Bob East
Chairman, District 12

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District 12 Convention in Septe ber may have started a chain reaction throughout the Nation. A one to three day convention or get-together has been had by the following districts during the past three months. Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 11, & 12. There may be some more too that I have missed. It all boils down to the fact that there is more interest than ever in the LPA. It is the desire of all the officers and membe ers in district 12 to make it the leader of t e Nation.

MR. AMERICA FOR NOVEMBER 1964 .....

[illegible]ICT 12 [illegible] GETTING LARGER AND LARGER WITH MORE NEW MEMBER[illegible] FOR 1965
Many new members are taking advantage of the offer in la[illegible] months newsletter and are joining up for 1965. People aplying for membership since the first of October now amounts to nine. This looks like a very good start for the coming year.

It is not official yet, but we may be having a member moving to California next year. I will hold off with the name until it is definate. I can say that it is a lady and that she is a school teacher.

NEW CHAPTERS FOR DISTRICT 12

It is very possable that one or two new chapters will be organized in the Central Valley fo California during 1965. Location is not definate as yet but one may be in the Southern part of the valley and the other in the central part.

To the people living in these areas, remember that you are always welcome to any of the present chapter meetings.
The Los Angeles Chapter meets on the 4th Saturday of the month at
(This month on the 21st)
Plummer Park Recreation Hall
7377 Santa Monica Blvd &
1200 North Vista
Los Angeles, Calif.

The Bay Area Chapter meets on the 1st Saturday of the month at
2339 - 38th Ave.
In the rear down stairs
Oakland Calif.

THE TRAVELERS IN DISTRICT 12

Lillie Johnson reports that on the 21st of September, she left for a visit with her sister in Lamesa Texas. While she was there, the J. P. Billingsley family called and invited her to go with them to a district 8 meeting in Austin. While there she was able to meet Lee Kitchens, our National President, Lee Wright chairman for district 8, and many others that attended the National Convention in Phoenix. A Bar-B-Q chicken diner was served and Lillie reports that she had a very enjoyable time.

Received a letter from Bobbie Owen. It seems like she is in Oklahoma visiting relitives and will return to California in December. Someday I am going to be able to meet this young lady. She has written many letters to me and she has been a candidate for a chapter co-ordinator and we will see that she gets with it when she comes back.

INFORMATION SHEETS OF LAST MONTH

To the [illegible] people that respoded and filled them out as requested, you deserve my utmost thanks. For those that have not yet filled them out. Look them up, fill them out as per instructions and send them in to me. If you need more for a family, write to me and I will send all that you need. These sheets are not so much waste paper. They are to find information about you that is important to you and to the district. If you are intrested in the LPA, this is one way that you can show it. It is not the cost of these sheet that is important, it is the time and effort that people went through making them up and sending them out to everyone. The National President has asked that all possable people fill these out and return them to the district chairmen.

TEENAGE NEWS
Brenda Billings, not yet a teenager but will be in 1965, was one of the very first to send in her information sheet. She sent along a picture of herself and seems to be a rather attractive young lady. I hope to have the pleasure of meeting her soon. I have turned her name over to our Teenage Co-chairmen and she should be hearing from them and some of the other 12 and 13 year olds real soon.

R NEWS

BAY AREA CHAPTER MEETING OF DECEMBER 5,1964

The meeting was called to order by the president and the opening prayer was given by Patricia Murray. The news reporter from Sacramento, Mrs Bottel, sent a copy of the artical that she submited to the Sacramento Bee. It was passed around for all to read. It was thorally agreed that she wrote a fine articl.

A report was given on the dance that was held on November 21st. It was found that we didn't do as well as we did last year.

A report was given by Elsie East on the forth coming Christmas party for the Little Littles. The date was set for Dec. 20th, from 2:00 to 4:00 P.M. A gift will be purchased for each Little Little and their brother or sister that is 12 years or under. Coffee and soft drinks will be served with volunteers bring cakes.

Mr. Anderson suggested on having a group picture taken and sharing it at differant places for publicity. It was not approved by the membership.

It was decided to discuss our annual banquet at the next meeting.

The closing prayer was given by Patricia Murray and the meeting adjourned at 3:35.

Chico then showed moving picures of the last two district conventions and of the chapter boat outing last June.

LOS ANGELES CHAPTER MEETING OF NOVEMBER 21,1964

The meeting was called to order by Chapter Co-ordinator, Billy Barty. It was commented on the excellent turn out with 35 Little People and friends ant the meeting. It was good to see George Moore, Carlos Sanchez, Micky Rosenberg and the Nichols family in attendance. John Phillips was wellcomed back too. A letter was read from District 12 Chairman Bob East. It stressed co-operation by all members and the fact that we are not number one as far as dues paying members but in number of people. He asked that we be [illegible] in 1965.

The December 11th Christmas party was discussed. The location is the furniture mart b[illegible], 1919 S. Broadway. The social hour will start ar seven with dinner around 8:0[illegible]. It was previously reported wrong. Four people sigged up for the dinner who were not on the list. This brings the total to around 45. If any guests are coming, please notify Bill Barty Immediately. If you haven't stated your preference of Halibut or steak, contact Billy now. Andre Boursse and Gordon England will act as host along with Evan Artran. We have worked hard on this event so a good attendance will be our reward.

The sign up for District 12 Christams list for the National Newsletter was brought to the attention of those attending. It cost $1.00 per family. 17 people including familys signed up at the meeting. Mr. Barty thanked the people for their enthusiasm and stated it will help the Natioal Newsletter. There may still be time if you haven't signed up yet. Only because the Newsletter is printed here. Contact Billy Now.

It was brought to the attention that Shirley Leschander is selling Xmas cards at her gift shop at 4919 Lankershim Blvd., and that 25% of all sales to LPA.will go to our district.

Mrs. Yvonne Boursse gave a report of the Childres Christmas Party. All information pertaining to the day and time will be sent out to all members. All parents who have children in this organization will be invited to attend. This is your opportunity for fun for the children and the prizes and refreshments will be furnished by the L.A. Chapter. Just attend. You don't have to bring anything but the kids.

Gordon England is in charge of the skating party but a full report on this will be given after the holidays. Congratulations were in order to the refreshment committee, Yvonne Boursse and Gladys Gjerset, Andres grandmother., Billy Barty thanked Melba Hesson for acting secretary for the meeting. The meeting was adjourned for refreshments.

CLASSIFIED SECTION

HELP WANTED ****Experianced Machinists, hieght makes no diferance, contact district 12 chairman Bob East, 3807 Brookdale Ave. Oakland, Calif. 94619

NEED TO BUY A GIFT??? Before Christmas or after Christmas, see Shirley Leschander at The Clover Leaf Gift Shop, 4919 Lankershim Blvd., No Hollywoood, Calif.

BRAKE, CLUTCH AND ACCELERATOR EXTENSIONS FOR LITTLE PEOPLE, Write to Bob East

ATE NEWS

The Los Angeles Chapter Dinner-dance was a great success with over 40 people attending.

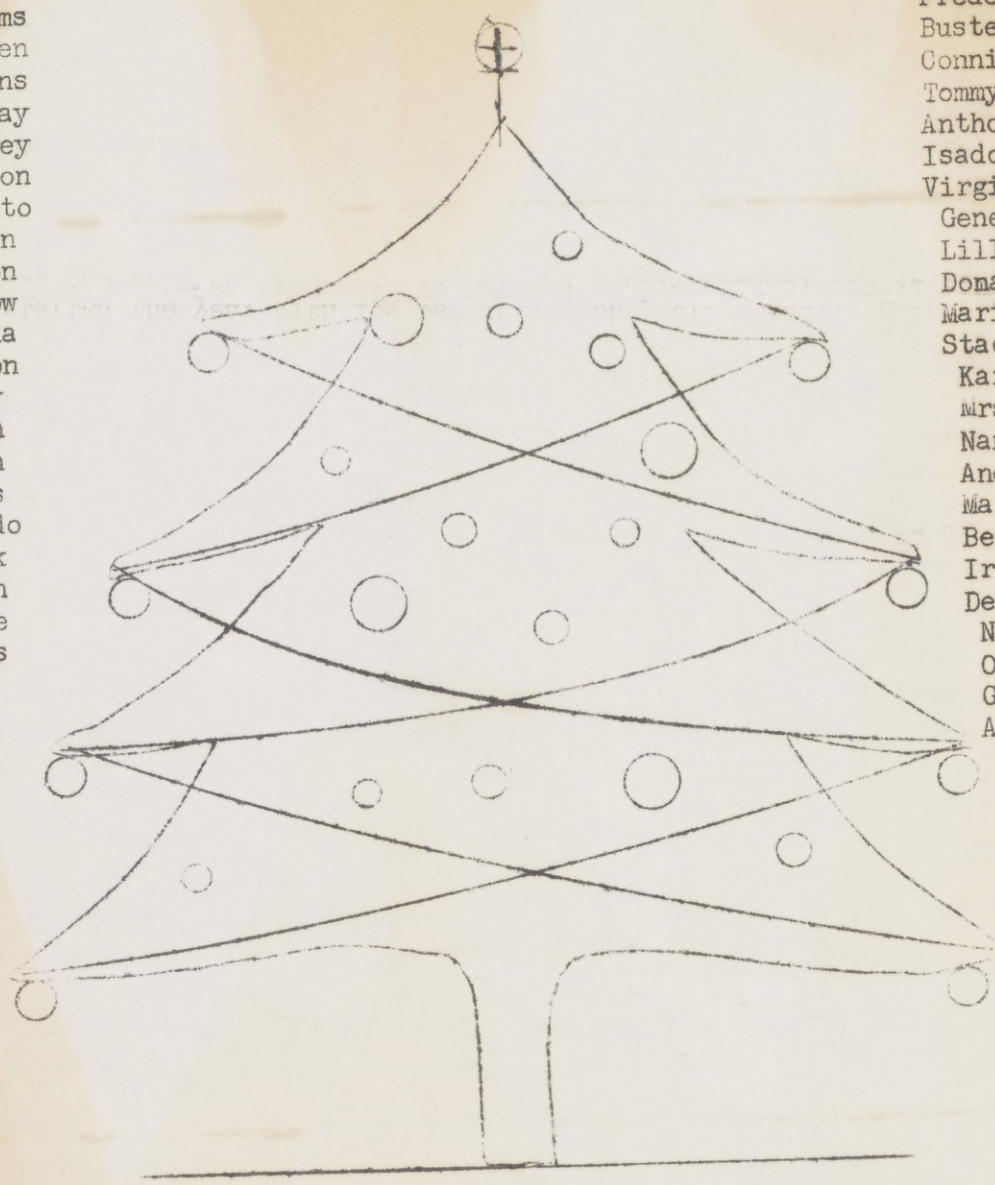
The Bay Area reports that Teenager Roseann Smith is again home from the hospital and now has only a partial cast and brace on her leg and may be on her feet before long.

We regret to report the passing away of the mother of Georgia Possitto.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS BOB EAST

LITTLE PEOPLE OF AMERICA, INC.
DISTRIC 12
December 1964

Mrs Harvey Williams
Shirley Leschander
Jannette Anderson
Robert Shoemaker
Georgia Rossitto
Harvey Williams
Darlene Howsden
Charles Mullens
Patricia Murray
Alfred Stickney
Albert Anderson
Angelo Rossitto
Dorene Howsden
Peggy Stockton
Robert Barstow
Linda Costilla
Ruth Michalson
Shirley Barty
Fred Blenkarn
Margaret Main
Lauro Morales
Hazel Resmondo
Alfred Tabeek
Aileen Garman
Deloris Crone
Martin Rogers
Jerry Austin
Jeane Austin
Launa Kinzel
Ronnie Hackl
Jack Carlino
Billy Barty
Alice Jones
Hilda Lange
Ralph Petty
Loraine Gay
Elsie East
Len Garman
Alan White
Lola Cox
Bob East
Bob Poe



Dorothy Henderson
Mary Jane Carlino
Marianna Sorenson
Georgie Rossitto
Morris Rosenberg
Frederick Berry
Buster Resmondo
Connie Cummings
Tommy Henderson
Anthony Carlino
Isadora Bohmann
Virginia Geddes
Gene Henderson
Lillie Johnson
Donald Wilhelm
Marion Nichols
Stacie Nichols
Karla Ketchel
Mrs. Blenkarn
Nancy Jenkins
Andre Boursse
Marilyn Stier
Betty Nichols
Irving Scible
Della Shelton
Neno Carlino
Otto Bohmann
Gordon Pearl
Alan Nichols
Jerry Maren
Bobbie Owen
Floyd Dixon
Chico Colla
Herb Kinzel
Debra Dixon
Anna Dixon
Mary Smith
Bob Kantor
Brian Lusk
Roy Hutt
Bob Gay

It is from these people listed above, The Little People of America members of District 12, that Christmas greetings are sent out to each other and to all those that read this newsletter.

A Message From Our President.

Mary, Alan, Sandra and I wish that each of you may experience the real joy of this Christmas season and a rewarding New Year.

Lee Kitchens
National Preident, L. P. A.

Let us stop and take note on the 1964 events of district 12

District 12 started the year with its two active chapters steadily gaining in size. In February the Bay Area Chapter had it's second annual banquet and in December the Los Angeles Chapter had it's first annual dinner-dance.
In July the National Convention was held in Phoenix and was well represented with 35 members of district 12. The King and Queen were both from our district. We received two positions in the fashion show and was well represented in the talent show.
We were and still are the district with the largest mailing list and are second with the amount of LPA members.
In September we had our second annual district convention. This was a three day affair with 55 Little People attending. The was a meeting, adance afterward, a picnic the next day, a baseball game with the Los Angeles Chapter winning both the men and womens games, and a day of visiting and sightseeing on the third day.
Throughout the entire year, both chapters had picnics, dances and many other events. All in all, we had a good year. Let us try to make 1965 a year long rememberd.

INFORMATION SHEETS

In October, a information sheet was sent out with each newsletter. At the writeing of this articl, there have been only 30 sheets filled out and returned. That means there are still 220 still out. Please send these sheets in to us, member or not.

NEWSLETTER

LITTLE PEOPLE OF AMERICA, INC.

"Think Big"

VOLUME 3 NO. 11 L.P.A. DECEMBER 1964

Season's Greetings

A THOUGHT FOR CHRISTMAS

By Joe White

Members of Little People of America, Inc., I would like to discuss with you the subject of religious activities for little people.

I am reminded of a little man who faced the same problem as you and I; and there is something about this incident in his life that contains a message for all of us, whether we be Protestant, Catholic or Jew. This man's name was ZACCHAEUS.

In the Book of St. Luke, in the New Testament of the Christian Bible, we have a description of this little man and his relationship with Christ:

And behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus....And he sought to see Jesus and could not....because he was Little of Stature. So he ran and climbed into a sycamore tree to see Him. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up....and said unto him: Zacchaeus, come down, for today I must rest at thy house! Zacchaeus hurried down and received Him joyfully.

In a spiritual sense, each of us can learn, from this story, four lessons in regards to our service to God:

1 - Zacchaeus made a confession of spiritual weakness.
2 - He sincerely desired to make restitution.
3 - Regardless of his size, his services were needed.
4 - His services were rewarded by the Master's companionship.

Where are the places of Service for Little People today?

There is the church Sunday School or Catechism classes. There is the school of the synagogue. You can serve by giving your support to such church and social organizations as: Women's Aid Society, Board of Missions, Holy Name Society, Children's Bible Classes, Boy and Girl Scouts, and Old Folks Homes. You can serve by being hospital volunteers and nurses aids. You can volunteer your physical and monetary support to all of these and other church sponsored and charitable institutions.

All of these organizations and groups in your community need the help of Little People - Little People who understand suffering, Little People who have time on their hands to put to use in the service of humanity, Little People who can be a spiritual and moral influence in their communities.

Why did Jesus single out this little man and insist upon abiding in his house and no other? I believe that He did so because He wanted to show His disciples - He wanted to show his followers, - He wanted show the multitude - that He could use the talents of ANYONE - even of this little man.

Whether you be Catholic, Protestant or Jew, there is a place of service in the church or synagogue for you. You are not too small, you are not too frail, you are not too weak, that God cannot find things for your tiny hands to do.

You can serve as teachers of the young, you can serve as a daily example of the Godly life, you can pray for the work of your church everywhere, and you can serve by doing good to others even though they do ill to you.

And so, let little ZACCHAEUS be your spiritual guide as you settle once again into your community life - to seek out new avenues of religious and charitable service.

To paraphrase the words of our late and great president, - JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY - who, himself was cut down in the afternoon of a life of service:

ASK NOT WHAT YOUR CHURCH CAN DO FOR YOU, BUT ASK WHAT YOU CAN DO TO SERVE YOUR CHURCH, YOUR COMMUNITY - AND YOUR GOD.

EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

By BILLY BARTY

Dear L.P.A.

It is hard to realize that another year is ending. This issue of your National Newsletter brings down the curtain for 1964.

May I take this opportunity to thank all the National Officers, District Chairmen, and you members personally who have helped with Your National Newsletter. May I also take this opportunity to apolize for errors made by me in the spelling of your names and mis-quoted information. I would like to thank all of you who have so graciously contributed to the Christmas list. To those who have sent in their biography and picture. I would like to thank our Publisher, the Technical Publication Services, for their untiring efforts and unselfish interest in our Organization. The middle page and color was donated by them. Could we ask for better friends? The District Newsletters have poured in and I lack space in this issue to print all the information. It is encouraging to read the District Newsletters and see how active and organized we have become.

1965 is going to be the greatest year yet for the Little People of America, Inc. We have gained the espect of many, and without medication, we are growing in stature.

It is hard to believe that we are entering our eighth year. Past Presidents Dan Turner, Bob Brower, and yours truly look forward to serving our New President, Mr. Lee Kitchens, National Officers, and all the District Chairmen and members of L.P.A. May we continue to be an organization of One, with the Thinking and contribution of many. May we look behind us with pride, and to the future with Hope. Now, when we look into a mirror and see ourselves, may the mirror look small, not us.

President's Report

Consider the fact that you are small to be a God-given blessing. Be proud of it. Most of us, if we were normal, would be just that. Most of us would be just the average run-of-the-mill person who would be lost in the mass of humanity that populates our country. Be thankful that you have been one of the chosen few who have this privilege to rise above the masses. Because you are different, it is far easier for each of you to be a leader in your community than for others, except for those few with outstanding abilities. Never feel inferior. There is no reason to have a persecution complex. Hold your head up high. Deserve this blessing-in-disguise that you have been given.

Personally, if I were given the power by some miracle to change and be of normal size, I would not make this change, and I think most of you, on careful consideration, would feel the same.

Understand that people are two-sided. One side is that, once having met you, if only for a moment, they will never forget you. You will always be remembered, and let us hope favorably.

The other side of this is that your close friends and associates will soon forget you are different, if you let them. The only time my friends think about such things as this is when I meet them at the door with a handful of light bulbs to replace because I'm too lazy to get out the ladder.

Be charitable towards others who may at times, without thinking, tend to stare and make comments. All of you in this room have been guilty of this yourselves at one time or another. There is not a single person here whose eyes wouldn't turn if a person seven foot tall or on crutches or a man with two heads walked by, and at least a few eyes would turn if a cute chick walked by. You see, it's almost an automatic reflex, so don't be offended by human nature. You persecute only yourself if you are.

The final phrase of your mental outlook should consider the well-known Biblical statement, "It is more blessed to give than to receive".

TO ALL MEMBERS OF LPA, THEIR FRIENDS AND FAMILIES:

On behalf of your National Officers and the Board of Directors, I wish to take time out to send each of you our Season's Greetings.

I regret that it is not possible to send each of you a personal greeting this year. Happily this is because we have grown to be quite a large family. Instead I shall have to use the Newsletter to communicate with you.

In the rush of the Christmas season may we all remember to pause and review what it all really means and what we can do to contribute to a real Christmas. Let us not forget the many little people across the land that have not had the opportunity of joining with us this past year.

When we make our New Year's resolution let's each of us be sure to include a personal resolution to acquaint at least one new little person with LPA next Christmas. Having done this we shall all be able to really experience the true spirit of the season.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to each of you.

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

TO ONE AND ALL

Frieda Groeneveld
District 13
Chairman

GOOD WISHES FOR A MERRY

Christmas

SEASONS GREETINGS TO YOU FROM DISTRICT 2

Mr. Cy Agoss
Mr. and Mrs. William Albaugh
Miss Ann Cleary
Miss Eunice Decker
Miss Henrietta Diamond
Mr. and Mrs. Alphonse Dufton
Mr. Richard Heyman
Miss Mary Lou Hogg
Mr. and Mrs. T. Hogg
Mr. Terry Kenney
Mr. Harry Kyriakoudis
Miss Mary La Russo
Mr. Herman Lefkoff and Susan
Miss Patricia Londregan
Mrs. Sue Manocchio
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CHRISTMAS JOY BE YOURS - FROM DISTRICT 4

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Prince Arthur
Dennis Binion
Pete and Lorene Johston
Eddie and Lillian Leonard
Frances Conville
Cecil and Jo Guy
Frank Duckworth
Mary Alice Maddox
Malcolm Thornburg

DISTRICT 6 WISHES ALL CHEER FOR CHRISTMAS AND THE COMING YEAR

Harriet Hoppert
Ralph Welbes
Edith Lundberg
Paul Dolinajec Jr.

MAY YOUR BLESSINGS BE MANY UNDER YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE

MARGARET OLLIS *LE ROY BRIDGES*

DISTRICT 3

Holiday Fun From District I

Mr. and Mrs. Dana Guild
Miss Susan Beard
Miss Maxine L. Wiggins
Mrs. Mary Rollins
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Koughan
Mr. and Mrs. Nirmand Ouellette
Misses Evelyn and Mary Danville
Miss Barbara Santucci
Alvero Young
Miss Joyce Cass
Freda Johnson

BLESSINGS THIS DATE - FROM DISTRICT EIGHT

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Sandy M. King
Mrs. Virgie Lincoln
George Cromwell
Mr. G. C. Simmons
Mr. and Mrs. Otto Douglas
Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Seale
The House of Midgets, Austin, Texas
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Anderson and Elizabeth Ann

HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASONS AND CHEERS
DISTRICT 14
ANNA DIXON

AND A

Happy New Year

A THANKFUL AND REJOICING CHRISTMAS - BE ALIVE
DISTRICT 5

Barbara De Volt
Mr. Paul Jones
Mrs. Lorania Bartig
Mr. and Mrs. Perry Thompson

WISHING YOU A HAPPY HOLIDAY
DISTRICT 11

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A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS DAY

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The Barty Family
Carlos Sanchez
Judith Fraser
Mickey Rosenberg
Melba Hesson
The Norvells
Shirley Leschander
Al Stickney
Jerry Maren
Little Harvey and Grace Williams
Brian Lusk
Marion Nichols Family
The Kinzel Family
Evan Taylor
Charles and Marilyn Mullens
Len and Aileen Garman
Hilda Lange
Lillie Johnson
Deloris Crone
Lola Cox
Felix Silla
Robert Shoemaker

Happy Holidays

to all our L.P.A. Friends
from
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Hollywood, California

Season's Greetings

FROM DISTRICT 2

Mark Leslie Ostrander
Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Styres

PEACE ON EARTH, GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN
DISTRICT 10

Avery and Ebelyn B. Wolford
Earl M. Warr

DISTRICT NINE
WISHES YOU A JOYOUS TIME
Charles Bedow
Leo and Bonnie Ackelson

A BIG BIG CHRISTMAS
FROM CHARLES PEDERSEN
LITTLE LITTLE

Meet Paul Dolinajec Jr.

The happy date was March 8, 1923. I don't remember too much about this day, but they told me later that I was a wild one. I had red wavy hair and two legs that were bowed. The good Lord made my arms short too, to go with the normal body and the short, bowed legs. I don't remember anything between birth and the age of 5-1/2 years.

At this age my mother put me in a Children's Hospital to try and straighten my legs. She had five children before me, all normal size. So she really felt bad about me. She put me in the hospital to try and make things and life better for me. She sure gave up a lot. She and her husband paid all the bills by themselves. I do owe them a lot.

My life in the hospital was rough for me. For one and a half years I was in and out of the hospital in a futile attempt to straighten my legs. I had to wear casts and braces during all this time. Afterwards they said I was a rough patient to all the hospital personnel. I remember one time I was so naughty that they put me in a room by myself. I couldn't have visitors or gifts. Boy was I naughty then. I guess after being in the hospital for awhile I settled down and behaved myself. Well, I finally left the hospital for good when I was about 6-1/2 years old.

When I got home, to my surprise, I had a baby sister. I was mad, because I was always the baby of the family. I told my mother to take her back. She just laughed and said she just couldn't do that. So I had to accept her.

Even though I was home from the hospital for good, I still had to wear the braces on my legs. After wearing them for a long time, I guess everyone accepted the idea that I should take them off for good. They were not doing me any good. Yes, I have a lot of respect for my parents for doing what they did for me. After all, they had six other children to support. They both had to work hard for their children. They really did, because this was during the depression, when no-one had much. My father was never on relief during the depression. I still have a lot of love and respect for my parents, who are still alive. I live with them now. I am the only one left at home.

I started school at St. James Catholic School after I was a little past seven years of age. In our 1st grade we had about a dozen kids. To my surprise, when it came time to pass to second grade, some of us boys didn't make it. We had to come back to first grade the following year. We just don't know to this date what happened.

After I finally got out of first grade, I made up my mind I was really going to try hard and pass every grade after that. I did with flying colors. After the first grade I finished the remaining seven grades with a B plus average. When I graduated from St. James, I was rewarded with a plaque from the town American Legion for being the outstanding boy in the eighth grade. That was very pleasing to me and my family.

While I was in the later grades in grammar school, I got myself a job at the local show house. I was a doorman in the front of the theater, opening car doors. I had a nice suit and I was paid $1.50 per week, plus 4 passes for my family. I liked the job very much, because I got to meet a lot of people. I also got to see all the movies free!

After grammar school days and my job at the theater, I started high school. There I thought I could get dates like all the other boys. I soon found out how cruel people can be when one is crippled and short. I never had a date in grammar school and I finally found out that high school was going to be the same and took it in stride. I went out as manager of the basketball, football and track teams and had a great time. I got to know everyone on all the teams and got to see all the games home and away. I did this for three years and I got my letter in my freshman year. This is unusual, because usually you don't get a letter as a freshman. I did because the letter club liked me and they voted me the letter.

I proved a point to myself when I went to High School. I found that there was more than one way to enjoy school, instead of just feeling sorry for ones self because he couldn't have dates with girls.

During the summer months I worked. I worked hard, spotting pins in a bowling alley, sweeping out the theater, and working on a truck farm for nine hours a day at $1.50 per day. I did not finish high school, because in 1941 World War II started. I quit school in November of 1942 and got a defense job in Akron, Ohio, working for Goodyear Aircraft, making airplanes for the U.S.A. and Great Britian. I stayed there for two and one-half years, until after the war. Here I finally learned how to take care of myslef and what life is all about. It was pretty rough, because I was only 19 at the time. I left home for the first time.

When I came home after the war I didn't work for about a year and a half. No work for a little guy like me, so I just laid around and spent all the money I did make during the war. And this wasn't much! After this I got a job at a cab stand as a radio dispatcher for the cabs. Then I finally got my present job, as an office clerk for Henry Valve Company. It is a plant which manufactures parts for air conditioning and refrigeration units. It is located in Melrose Park, Illinois. On Dec. 3 of this year, I will be there for 12 years. The longest job I ever had. It pays well, and I like it.

I joined the L.P.A. in 1957, when Billy Barty founded this wonderful organization. We started with 21 little people. Today we have hundreds of members. I have attended every national convention. Dan Turner, of North Carolina can also make that statement. We are the only two who have. I have met many little people since 1957. Believe me, they are all wonderful people to know. They are my people.

One thought for all the little people of the world. The world is wonderful. People can make it a little rough at times. One just has to fight for what he or she wants to make of themselves. I know I haven't made much of myself, but I will still fight on and try and help other Little People to gain their goal.

TEENAGERS COLUMN

Rose Ann Smith had her operation and now she is home. She would greatly appreciate letters, write to 38th Ave., Oakland, California.

Steve Morgan is planning on going to Oregon to see his grandmother during Christmas and New Years.

We just received a letter from a teenager in Detroit, Michigan. Her name is Lydia Thomas, she is 14, and is in the 9th grade. Her father owns part of a Roller Skating Rink, and tells us that she skates about four times a week. She also swims, and plays just about any sport she can. We hope to hear more from her, and all the teenagers in the United States.

Peggy Stockton and her family are planning on going to Los Angeles for the holidays.

Dorene and I both wish every teenager a Merry Chirstmas and a Happy New Year.

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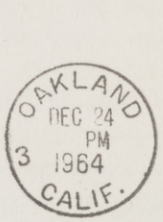

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Donna Lathers

LITTLE LITTLES
Chris Kringle
Alan Nichols
Stacie Nichols

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By now, everone in district 12 should have received the dues statements for 1965 We would like for all those that have not replied as yet to do so as soon as possable.

A complete, corrected and up to date mailing list of all Little People in District 12 will be compiled as of March 31,1965. This list will be made up under the suggestions of Lee Kitchens, our National president. There will be three sections. The first being the LPA members in district 12, the second being the non-members in district 12. The third section being of all the Little Littles.

If this membership mailing list is compiled and printed in time, it will be mailed to all LPA members in the district along with the April issues of the Newsletter.

Let us look forward into 1965. What things are going to develop for the betterment of District 12? The largest thing that we can do at this time is to make plans to attend the National Convention in July. Last year, district 12 had the largest amount of Little People to attend the convention in Phoenix. Could we make a repeat performance this year at Cloucester N. J. We could do it again with a bit of planning and saving. All of those people that went to the National Convention last year realy had a grand and glorious time. This year it looks like it is going to be bigger, better and more interesting to everyone.

We in our own district 12 can start to think about our own convention in the fall. Where will we have it this year? Wherever it is decided to be, it will be the best yet. Everyone think about it and let me know where you would like it to be. We should have a definate answer by May.

A NEW CHAPTER FOR DISTRICT 12???

It is almost a sure thing that Sacramento will be the next area for a chapter to start. A car load of us went to the home of Martin Rogers on January 17. The purpose was to an informal meeting to see if there was enough people in that area that were interested. Martin's parants, Bill and Helen Rogers, had everything arranged and everyone notified. The Brown family, Karla Ketchel and a new girl Inez Eastman were there. There was a number of phone calls from those with sick children that couldn't come but are interested. Will try to have another meeting up there in February. A possable meeting time for that area, if it is decided to have a chapter, will be the second weekend of the month. Either Saturday or Sunday.

A minimum of four active chapters in district 12 is what we are after. If this becomes a reality, we will then have the largest, strongest and most active district in the Nation.

A inter-district competition is sports or other events can be developed. For those that attended last years district conventionn, remember the fun we had at the base ball game. Who is going to win the trophies this year???

There will be more looking into 1965 next month. Let me hear from some of you members out there. What would you like?

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I was asked recently, by a relitive of mine, as to how he should approach a Little Person that he may see on the street that is a stranger. Being that we have so many big people working toward our cause, I have given this some thought. We all know that a large portion of Little People are a bit shy or are easily embaressed. This is what I have come up with. The first thing to say is this. "Pardon me but I have a (sister, brother or whatever the relation may be) like you and I wonder if I could talk to you for a minute!" This opening statement is enough sometimes to make the Little Person understand that the big person is familiar Little People and is not just being curious.At this point it is then easier to go on and talk to the Little Person about the LPA or any other important subject.

If any of the other people in district 12 have some other comments along this line, I would like to hear them from you.

The Quote For 1965

"A Little Person can be anything he or she desires except tall!"

A LETTER TO THE EDITOR**FROM HILDA LANGE

If only the older members of our Little Beoples organization could help the young ones to see andknow the booby traps of life as the years roll by. Too late, we say why didn't we get all the education we could or learn a good trade. Some do of course. but others somehow drift along until earning a living gets to be a terrific problem.

Our parents have a lot to do with our future lives. They are the ones that need a new education, how to help their small ones and not try to hide them from contact with other children or grownups. Small people must learn to push on and try to make their parents see they have brains to do many things if given the right help and opportunities.

We must try to help one another towards this goal. We should realize in spite of so many differences of personalitiesdo to race, religion ect. we have in common our small size. Why not learn to get along togetherand throw our likes and dislikes asideSo Tom can't be like Harry or Jane like Susan. What a monotonus thing it would be if we were all alike.

You young ones love and help your parents all you can, but try to go out on your own as soon as possable, even if it is tough going. You will not regret it later on in life. Be independentor you will end up living their lives instead of your own. Your brothers and sisters leave home and marry or go on jobs. Why should we be so different? This is a problem some of us have faced, so beware and learn to be on your own.

Come now, let us work together for the good of each and everyone of us in the Little Peoples organization.

Remember these words-

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor-
Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

CHAPTER NEWS

Bay Area

The Bay Area Meeting of January 2nd. Ruth McCarty was welcomed back after a long absence. Karla Ketchel from Sacramento came down with the Rogers.

There was a discussion on the payment of local dues. It was agreed that dues will be $5.00 per year if paid by March 15. 50 cents a month if paid by the month.

Elsie gave her report on the Little Littles Christmas party. Everyone had a good time and there was a good attendance of Little Littles. A New Little Little was at the party. Kelly Mann, age 10½ months.

Discussion of our annual banquet was started. It was explained to the newer members that the banquet is free to our local membership. Al Stickney made the motion and it was passed that any paid up member and any new member that has joined and is paid up on their dues for the last three months will be eligable for the banquet. Little Littles are members the same as the adults. For the banquet, the parents of the Little Littles will be our guests. Brothers and sisters will have to pay. Joe made a motion and it was passed that the chapter pick up the tab for the first cocktail.

Further discussion on the banquet will take place at the February meeting.

The February meeting will be election of new chapter officers for the Bay Area.

Neno brought up the thought that we may have to start looking for a new place to meet as our group is getting larger almost every month. It was agreed on for everyone to be on the lookout for a nice suitable place.

Martin Rogers mother, Helen, is a saleslady for World Book Encyclopedia. She stated that anyone in the Little Peoples group that purchased any of her products, that she would donate the profit to the National Scholorship fund.

Joe Vercellino suggested that people that are not interested in our organization be droped. It was decided to drop from the active rolls, those people that are delinquent on attendance and dues for six months. The secretaries will send nothices to this effect to everyone in February.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00PM.

CHAPTER NEWS

LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Meeting of January 16

46 people were in attendance. 26 Little People, 16 relitives and 4 guests. A very good turn out.

Anna Dixon was in the Hospital and Billy had to give the treasurers report. After the entire report on the December diner dance it was reported that there was a gain of 3.53. many people did not attend but had paid. Their money will either be refunded or applied to their 1965 dues.

It was by unanimous approval that the dinner-dance was a success. Harvey Williams motion was passed to continue the pay as you go for another dinner-dance for December 1965. Shirley Leschander will be in charge of collecting the moneys.

A new Little Little, Tammy Sue Kipp, was introduced. Tammy's mother Mrs. Kipp introduced Tammys brother and sister. Felix Silla introduced his guests, Mr. & Mrs. Orville Truesdell and Mr. & Mrs. Vance Pashhal, all big people. Mr. Truesdell made a appreciated $10.00 donation.

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Los Angeles Chapter-Cont.

Billy commented that he was disappointed that more children didn't come to the Christmas party. Mrs. Boursse and her committee worked hard to make it a success. Mr. Wishbone of KTTV entertained and Santa Clause passed out more presants than there were children.

NEW BUSINESS

Judy Fraser was appointed as the new recording secretary to releive Launa Kinzel. Shirley Leschander was appointed to collect the moneys for the dinner-dance for 1965. The party committee was appointed to plan for special events. Those on the committee are, Mrs. Barbara Kipp, Raylene Johns, Mary White, Shirley Leschander, and Lillie Franco. Gordon England will serve to co-ordinate the roller skating party.

The parents of Little Littles were anxious to re-activate the discussions in regards to the Little Littles which proved so successful several years ago. This group discussed many problems that face Little People and how to approach such problems. These discussions proved good because the individuals related their own experiances, concerning differant subjects. Mrs. Jean Austin, Mrs. Beverley Lusk, Mrs. Georgia Rossitto will re-activate this program with the co-operation of Mrs. Jean Michelson from U.C.L.A. Those parants interested in this program, please contact either of the above mentioned people. The committee will be headed by all three. If you do not have their address, write and your letter will be forwarded to them. A complete program in regards to these discussions will be forth-coming. Bob Kanter stated that the Skripps Hospital in San Diego is interested in contacting Little Littles of the Pituitory type. This is also being done at the U.C. Hospital in San Fracisco. Help in regards to growth is being done at these and several other hospitals in the United States. Billy Barty enlightened the new members regarding this type of work and commended Dr. L. Langer from the University of Minnesota, who has a Little Little, for his work in this field.

A ways and means committee was organized cosisting of Anna Dixon, Billy Barty, Jean Austin and Dorothy Henderson. Felix Silla was made official Photographer of the L.A. Chapter. Billy stated that the State of California may be in the process of appointing a person to help work with District 12 in reporting and investigating many of the problems in regards to employment and other pertinent questions. Further information will be presented in the near future. Miss Myra Litman, through Dr. Gene Felton of U.C.L.A., will serve. Dr. Felton attended our District Convention in 1963 and has been very interested in the district and of the LPA.

A reminder that the L.A. chapter meetings have been changed to the third,3rd, Saturday of the monthe The next meeting will be February 20th. Any committee that needs help or information, please contact Billy Barty, Anna Dixon or Launa Kinzel. Those people who were appointed to a committee and were not in attendnace, who do not wish to serve, contact Billy Barty.

Bob East, Chairman
District 12, LPA

LATE NEWS LATE NEWS LATE NEWS

I just received a letter from Eleanor Ostrow, Chairman for District 2. She has sent me a application for reservations to the National Convention and a rough draft fo the program for the 1965 National Convention. It realy looks good and a lot of work has gone into it so far. There will be more news pertaining to the National Convention in the National Newsletter throughout the remaing time until July.

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ATTENTION ALLL TEENAGERS IN DISTRICT 12

The Teenage co-chairmen of district 12 reports that very few of you are writeing to them. Dorene and Darlene, as you know are also the Teenage Editors for the National Newsletter. Many of the Teenagers all over the country have been writeing in to them. At our next district convention, we will have a program of interest for you. We need to know just how many of you there realy are in district 12. WRITE TODAY TO DARLENE & DORENE HOWSDEN, 2680 Dunn Rd., Hayward, Calif.

NEWSLETTER

LITTLE PEOPLE OF AMERICA, INC.

"Think Big"

VOLUME 4 NO. 1 L.P.A. JANUARY 1965

Louis R. Scharrer Nominated As The Handicapped American

By Von H. Washington

Civilian employee Louis R. Scharrer has been selected as Montana's nominee for the President's trophy, which is awarded to the Handicapped American of the year.

Mr. Scharrer performs as a budget analyst in the 341st Strategic Missile Wing. He was nominated by the Great Falls Committee on employment of the physically handicapped to represent Montana in this nation wide program.

Once each year, the President's Trophy is awarded to the "Handicapped American of the Year" who has surmounted his or her own handicap to become a useful American Citizen and who has helped to encourage, inspire, or facilitate the employment of other Handicapped Americans.

The Trophy is presented to the "Handicapped American" during the annual meeting of the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped. The trophy is donated by and is the handiwork of the students of the Institute for the Crippled and Disabled, New York City.

Mr. Scharrer was born April 7, 1916 with a dwarfed body and underdeveloped legs which were necessarily encased in hip casts from the age of three through 11 in a fruitless effort to straighten them. When the casts were removed, he learned to walk short distances with crutches.

Louis spent most of his life helping himself and others who were handicapped. He often visited children's hospitals where he told jokes, sang songs and encouraged them not to dispair over their handicaps. It was often said that "he left them with a dream that some day they, too, could be useful in life just as the "little man on crutches"."

In 1961, he contracted cancer, which necessitated the amputation of his right leg at the hip. After four months of illness, he returned to his work. The doctors at Mayo Clinic, when they realized that his leg must be amputated, were appalled at having to tell this man who had suffered so much that his leg must come off.

Always one to console rather than one to be consoled, Louis made the doctors' job easier by saying, "Cut it off, Doc, I don't use it anyway."

He has submitted to medical study at Mayo Clinic and other medical groups throughout the age and cheerful attitude toward his afflictions are an inspiration to all who come in contact with him.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT *PART III*

Ask not what your L.P.A. can do for you, but rather what may I do for L.P.A. Let your thoughts and attitudes be those of service and support.

Now, after thoughts and words, must come deeds and actions. In truth, L.P.A. has given each of us much. We must now, each and every one of us give, contribute to and support L.P.A. Each of us has an obligation as a member of society to serve it in some way. Some serve in church, some serve civic organizations, some serve in public life. But we have the special privilege to serve in a way that few others can. Only we can serve L.P.A. We must be cautious never to say we are too busy with other things and neglect this chance of a life time.

Now you are probably asking yourself, "How can I serve?" You have done the first thing, you have joined L.P.A. You have done the second thing, you are here today. You will shortly have the opportunity to do the third thing. As a member you will elect new District Chairmen, have the privilege to serve on some committees and elect national officers and attend National Conventions. A part of your obligation is to elect District Chairmen who wants to, is willing to, and is capable of serving. Your District Directors are the backbone of L.P.A. After you elect him, good people, back him up. How? That's easy, accept every assignment given to you and then do it now. Volunteer for those things you are especially interested or talented in. During the course of the year accept any assignment or request for help from your National Officers, District Chairmen, committee men and other members. None of the positions are figure head jobs. They are working jobs. On your shoulders rests the future of L.P.A.

EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

By BILLY BARTY

I wish to thank all of you for the wonderful comments on the Christmas Issue. I wish to thank my wife Shirley for doing the lay-out of the Greetings. Now, thank yourself for making the issue a success. This is our first edition for 1965. During the year we will try to bring you a publication that you will be proud to read. I am happy that you enjoy the biographies. I received several biographies without pictures. If we are going to read about you, we would also like to see you.

Beings that this is the first edition, let's get down to business and start the new year right. One of the most important things we need is advertising. Would it be possible for each District to come up with one ad? Notice the new advertising rates. I am going to contact people again in regards to feature articles that didn't come in. If you have something to say, write a letter to the Editor. It is you that make this newsletter. I just put it together. In conclusion, I will repeat the deadline for news. Once I said the last week of each month. For 1965 the DEADLINE will be before the last 10 days of each month.

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DISTRICT REPORTS

DISTRICT II MEETING

The Christmas issue did not allow us to print news that came in from some of the Districts. I feel now that we should report the news that has come in and is on a National basis.

Eleanor Ostrow from District 2 reports that 39 members attended a meeting of the home of Mar Lou Hogg. Five new members were greeted. District two is in first as far as dues paying members. The year was highlighted by a big New Years Party. 1965 Convention plans are well formed.

Francis Conville, acting director of District 4 reports that Roy Bridges, Washington, D.C., will be moving to Atlanta in January, and will be employed with the Internal Revenue. Mrs. Daisy Foster spent some time in the Emory University Hospital visiting her husband who went through some serious eye surgery.

Barbara Devolt of District 5 reports that Miss Marjorie Higgins will act as the State Coordinator for Michigan.

Mary Maynard and Charles Bedow report from District 9 that Dr. and Mrs. Len Langer are very active in L.P.A. work. Bob and Rosemary Bailey of Minneapolis received their son, Charles, with the help of the Catholic Services and the help of the L.P.A. Charles is two years old. The twin cities are trying to start a bowling league of their own. Vern and Darlene Geis of Minneapolis have announced there will be three in the family sometime this spring. Congradulations are in order to the parents of Linda and Roger Gingerick of Williamsburg Iowa, who drove 300 miles to bring them to a meeting. At a meeting in Sioux City, Iowa, Joseph Goldstein of the Goodwill Industries, gave an interesting talk about job opportunities and requirements for those seeking employment.

Lee Wright reports from District 8 that the first new member since the National Convention was Miss Betty Anderson, a coed from San Antonio. Other new members include Mrs. Lucille Picard, Mrs. Virgie Lincoln, Carlos Woosley, Miss Frances Perkins, and Nolan Williamson who Lee knew from the movies in 1931. Included in this list is Mr. Anthony Salasar. We

are proud of our many college students. Miss Hazel Ford, Miss Melinda Barker, Miss Dorothy Broomfield, and Miss Sue Burton. Jim Cady is attending business college. He recently paid a visit to Hollywood, Calif., and visited Billy Barty on his TV show. Another coed is Miss Kay Cooper. Lee Wright reports that the District meeting to be held Feb. 6 has been postponed for one month due to a serious car accident to Lee Landry. All L.P.A. wish her a speedy recovery. New Members also include Mr. and Mrs. O.C. Douglas. District 8 now has 64 members.

Shirley Berg, District 11 Chairman, has an active district going. At a recent meeting committees were formed to plan meetings for 1965.

Frieda Groeneveld, District 13 Chairman, was present. Walter Tschanz of Cornelius, Oregon, was recovering from an auto accident. Wallace Brooks, President of the Indoor Sports Club in Oregon, was nominated for the second consecutive year for the Oregon Handicapped worker of the year award. This is an international organization. Mr. Tom Bradshaw is to be commended for the work he is doing for the L.P.A. New members in District 11 are Karen Bartolotti, 6 years old, and Richard McLeod, a teenager.

Bob East reports from District 12 that Christmas dinner dance parties highlighted the past month activities. Dec. 20th the Bay area had their annual Christmas party for the Little Littles, and the L.A. Chapter had their Little Little Party. We have a new prospect in Little Little Kelly Mann, age 10 months. District 12 activities have been many, and new members are popping up. A list will be out soon of all the names.

62 people attended the dinner dance party in the L.A. area. Anna Dixon spent a week in the hospital and we all wish her a speedy recovery. The L.A. Chapter recently had a meeting and appointed the following committees. Ways and Means, Parents, L.P.A. Discussion Group; Chapter

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MRS. CHARLES BEDOW

MRS. CLARENCE B. HUGHES

Social Column By Little Nuptials

L.P.A. National Treasurer Charles Bedow and Miss Sally Anne Wright were married Dec. 29 in the First Methodist Church, Hooks, Texas. Sally Anne is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee Wright. Charles and the Mrs. are living in Owatonna, Minn., where he is employed by the Federated Insurance Company.

Sandra Jean Stringer and Clarence B. Hughes became Mr. and Mrs. Nov. 22. The Marriage ceremony took place at the St. Stephens Episcopal Church, Newton, Iowa. Mary Maynard of Denison was maid of honor and Earl Warr of Phoenix Arizona was the best man. The bride was attired in a floor length gown of rose-point lace featuring a scoop neckline and figure molding bodice with long sleeves. Her shoulder length veil of silk illusion was caught in a crown accented with pearls and sequins. She carried a white orchid corsage on a white Bible. They will reside in phoenix Arizona where Mr. Hughes is employed in a construction and maintenance of irrigation lines.

MR. & MRS. NORMAND OUETTE

Your social editor did not receive details on the following marriages, but they were, Nov. 25, District 7 Chairman Bill Smith and Laura Munson were united in marriage. July 25th, Mr. Normand Ouette and Madeline Young were married at St. Mary's Church, Dover, New Hampshire. Joe Alexander of Hood City Washington and Martha Ziska were wed last August. District 2 announced two weddings, Nov. 7, Janet Herrick became Mrs. Glenn Styres, and Oct. 17, Margaret Mangione and Al Dufton. Ralph Petty and Myrtle Trobaugh of Los Angeles, Calif., became united in matrimony. To join this list, October 9th Gus Couretas of Pontiac Michigan and District 9 Chairman, Mary Maynard became engaged. The wedding will take place sometime in July.

TEENAGERS COLUMN

Dorene & Darlene Howsden
Teenage Chairmen
2680 Dunn Rd.
Hayward, California

Darlene and I hope that everyone had a nice Chirstmas.

At our Bay Area Chirstmas party there were quite a few teenagers who showed up. It was nice to see Ronnie Hackl again. He tells us that he has been busy working at different odd jobs around his neighborhood.

After the Chirstmas party, a group of us went and visited Rose Ann Smith. She is coming along fine. We hope to see her at our next Bay Area meeting.

Darlene and I have been corresponding with a few teenagers from different parts of the United States. We have been writing to Barbara Nell Rice from North Carolina. She would love to receive letters from all teenagers. Her address is Route 1 Box 87-B Barnardsville, North Carolina. She's 16 years old and loves dancing.

We have also received a letter from Dan Zebroski, who lives in Sewickly, Pennsylvania. He will be attending his first L.P.A. Chirstmas party in December. We hope to hear more from him.

Darlene and I will be going up north to visit Peggy Stockton and other L.P.A. members. All you teenagers drop us a line, we sure would like to hear from you. We can really get correspondence going between us.

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DISTRICT REPORTS (Cont.)

Photographer; Social Committee, Treasurer for Christmas Party and Recording Secretary.

Paul Dolinajec and Harriet Hoppert report that a District 6 meeting will be held in Feb. We are proud of Joe Whites' article in the National Newsletter. Last year we had 18 paid members and hope to do better for 1965.

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LITTLE PEOPLE OF AMERICA, INC. DISTRICT 12 NEWSLETTER February 1965

District 12 is out in front i n the race to be the largest, most paid members ect in the Nation for 1965. Even though we are way out in front (100 members) right now, the race is not over until June 30. We have a very good lead and I think we will win.

The following is a list of the people in district 12 with the distintion of being LPA members on record as of February 28,1965

Ruth Aftergut
obert Barstow
Fred Berry
Richard Crandall
Deloris Crone
Lola Cox
Ezra Dame
Bonnie Cremmer
Kathryn Dupee
Judy Fraser
Ellis Harper
Linda Hingston
Darlene Howsden
Dorene Howsden
Nancy Jenkins
Lillie Johnson
Alice Jones
Bob Kantor
Hilda Lange
Shirley Leschander
Margaret Main
Jerry Maren
Ruth McCarty
Alice Miranda
Harry Monty
George Moore
Patricia Murray
Bobbie Owen
Ben Palmer III
Fulvio Parenti
Bob Poe
Gordon Pearl
Hazel Resmondo
Carlos Sanchez
Robert Shoemaker
Felix Silla
Mary Smith
Marianna Sorenson
Al Stickney
Vince Vella
Larry Wiard

Family Memberships

Albert & Mannette Anderson
Jerry & Jean Austin
Billy & Shirley Barty
Fred & Clara Blenkarn
Otto & Isadora Bohmann
Roger & Leona Brown
Jimmy Brown
Tony Brown
Kevin Brown
Neno & Mary Jane Carlino
Jack Carlino
Anthony Carlino
Floyd & Anna Dixon
Debra Jo Dixon
Bob & Elsie East
Ted & Doris Finn
Len & Aileen Garman
Bob & Lorraine Gay
Nels & Gloria Nelson
Marion & Betty Nichols
Alan Nichols
Stacie Nichols
Bill & Joanna Norvell
Angelo & Georgia Rossitto
George Rossitto
Harvey & Grace Williams

Family Memberships, Parents Auxiliary. Little Littles & their Parents.

Tammy Sue Kipp
Robert Kipp
Barbara Kipp
Billy Keffer
Floyd Keffer
Phylis Keffer
Brian Lusk
Lee Lusk
Beverly Lusk
Nancy Peterson
Ernest Peterson
Patricia Peterson
Alan White
Mary White

LITTLE LITTLES

Marla Meg Darden
Timothy Hughes
Roy Hutt
James Kringle
Jimmy Lomas
David Norris
Irving Scible
Peggy Stockton
Mimi Wade

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIPS
Richard Galhouse
Virginia Geddes
Donna Lathers
Dominac Messina
Buster Resmondo

Next month this list will be much larger than it is now. More and More memberships are coming in every day.

The weekend over Washingtons Birthday found my family and I on our way South to attend the meeting of the Los Angeles Chapter. Another carload from the Bay Area that made the trip were Nancy Jenkins, Patricia Murray, the twins Darlene and Dorene Howsden. The weather was beautiful and it seemed made to order for the trip. The people of the Los Angeles Chapter deserve the distintion of being wonderful hosts. Accomodations were made in the homes for all the visitors, Saturday night before the meeting we were treated to a pizza dinner at Shakey's Pizza Parlor and everything was wonderful. At the meeting, many old friends were met and many new ones were made. Sunday we were guests for dinner at Otto and Isadora Bohmanns. Anna Dixon was there and put out a wonderful casserole of lasogna. Monday on the way home, we stopped and visited with the LPA Queen, Virginia Geddes. Virginia's sister Lynette and my son Jon had a nice visit after not seeing each other since last July. We stayed there for about three hours and then started North for home. Arrived home that night at 10:00, beat out from driving but with a wonderful feeling from the visit South.

SACRAMENTO CHAPTER BECOMING A REALITY---(Complete report in the chapter news section)

San Diego Chapter?? While at the meeting in Los Angeles, I had the pleasure of meeting and talking with the Newharts from the San Diego Area. They are going to try to get everyone down there together again and see if they can't get the chapter started again. Will have more to report on this as news comes in.

PARENTS AUXILLIARY

The plans have been started in the formation of the Parents Auxilliary of District 12. The Los Angeles chapter will be the first to hold an actual meeting of the Auxilliary on March 19. The Bay Area and the Newly formed Sacramento Area will soon be following suit.
To explain to those that are not yet in the know, the Parents of Little Littles Auxilliary to the LPA was started at last years National Convention with the appointment of a National Chairman. Each of the districts that have a fair number of Little Littles and interested parents will be setting up these Auxilliarys. Each district will have a parents committee and they in turn will report to the National Chairman.
We here in district 12 will have a Nothern and a Southern Chairman with an assistant for each. They will be corresponding with each other and by the time of the district convention should have a good program and report worked out.
All normal sized parents of Little Littles are eligable to join this group. For those that are interested or wish information, contact your district director or nearest chapter co-ordinator.

CHAPTER NEWS CHAPTER NEWS CHAPTER NEWS CHAPTER NEWS CHAPTER NEWS CHAPTER NEWS

Sacramento Area ****

The first, but informal, meeting was held on February 13th at the home of Roger and Leona Brown.
Little People in attendance were Roger Brown, Karla Ketchell and Nova Cobb. Littles in attendance were Jimmy, Kevin and Tony Brown, Martin Rogers, and Marla Meg Darden. Parents and relatives were also in attendance to numerouse to count.
Mrs. Judy Cathan, mother of two Little Littles, was also present but the children were unable to come due to sickness.
Kelly Mann was also absent due to the operation on her leg the day before.
Mr. Brown called the meeting to order by expressing his feelings about the value of forming a local chapter within district 12 of the LPA. He explained that he does not know, at present, too much about the proper way to organize the chapter, but if those present who are potential members (with their families as their guests) are really interested in having a Sacramento Chapter the district 12 chairman of the LPA will attend and guide us in the proper organization.
Helen Rogers (Martins mother) then read a letter from Bob East encouraging those present in this undertaking.
Mr. Brown asked for and received expressions from the potential members, Concerning their reactions to this idea.
Mr. Brown offered his home for meetings but it was decided to have the meetings at differant individuals homes each month.
Before recessing for dinner, the group agreed that the second Saturday afternoon in March was fine for the next get-together. Mr. East will be there and will answer questions and help to get things started.
The meeting was adjourned to a very nice potluck dinner.

Los Angeles Chapter

Meeting of Feb. 20. Billy Barty called the meeting to order and it was noted that there were 85 Little People and guests present. Guest list included District 12 Chairman Bob East and Wife Elsie. Also present from the Bay Area were Nancy Jenkins, Patricia Murray, and the twins Darlene and Dorene Howsden. Visiting from San Diego was Mr. & Mrs. Wes Newhart and their son Joe. Mr. Newhart introduced his sister, Mrs. Dixon. Gordon England made the motion and it was seconded by Jean Austin to aprove the minutes of the last meeting as printed. Billy read the treasurers report given him by Anna Dixon.
The Crum and Cookies, Teen-age Square dance group was introduced.
A report was given by the committee for group discussions. It will be known as the LPA Parents Auxilliary Forum. The group will meet once a month to discuss problems and situations facing all ages of Little People. The first meeting, "Social World", will be held March 19th, 7:30 P.M. at the home of Mrs. Georgia Rossitto, 1137 N. Fuller, Los Angeles. It is next door to Plummer Park. This discussion will cover cummunication and Expectation. Big Parent, Mrs. Beverly Lusk will act as chairman. Dr. Ruth Michaleson from U.C.L.A. will help co-ordinate all meetings and a guest from various fields will be asked to act as resource speaker.
Ways and Means Committee: Report by Dorothy Henderson. She stated that there has been no official meeting as yet. It was open for discussion. Angelo Rossitto had several dates open at park for a rummage sale. Harvey Williams suggested a Swap Shop were LPA could leave things to sell. Bring a list at the next meeting. Richard Crandall suggested a breakfast. The Winchell donut sale was mentioned. Billy suggested that this be tabled until the next meeting. He comented that in order to invite the public, a further study of the laws governing such activities be looked into.
The 1965 Christmas party dinner dance has been set for December 4th, same place, same fun. This is a Saturday and don't miss it if you like fun. In the absence of Shirley Leschander, V.P. Otto Behmann collected for the party. Sign up and join the fun now.

Chapter News Continued:
Los Angeles Chapter

Next Meeting: March 20. Jerry Austin has arranged for the LPA members to play minerature golf on March 21. Time, 1:30 at 5253 Hollywood Blvd.
Gordon England gave a report on the Roller Skating Party. People voted to have it on Mar 6th at 7:30 P.M. Hollywood Roller Bowl, 5612 Hollywood Blvd. Price 1.50
Anna Dixon had a call from the Crippled Childrens home to stuff mail. The date is March 26th, Friday night. Meet at Angies, everyone welcome.

Billy Barty introduced Bob East, Chairman of District 12. Mr. East stated that up until that time, 95 people have now paid dues into the LPA. He said that we are in a race to be the number one district and hopes to come out on top although district 2 and 8 are in battle with us. We have 313 people on our mailing list as of now. Those not paying dues or answering the envelope will not receive Newsletters. District 12 is trying to be first in all catagories. Hilda Lange and Lola Cox were to come down but both are under the weather. Bob Kantor is in San Diego for a check up. Billy then thanked everyone for coming down and an invitation by Nancy Jenkins to all the L.A. members to come North for a visit. Billy then thanked Frank and Sadie Delfino, Harvey and Grace Williams for serving refreshments.
A motion was made by Gordon England and seconded by Felix Silla that the meeting be adjourned.

Bay Area Chapter

Meeting of Feb. 6th/
The meeting was called to order and the minutes and treasurers report were given and approved.
A combination of old and new business concering the coming banquet in March was discussed Bids were submited by Neno Carlino, Fulvio Parenti and Bob East. A motiona was made and passed that Neno's bid of 4.50 be accepted. The place will be the Golden West Restrant on Telegraph near Mac Arthur in Oakland. Date March 20. It was made into a motion and passed that the chapter pick up the tab for a before dinner cocktail.
After all business concerning the banquet was taken care of, election of officers for 1965 were held. Those people elected are as follows:

Al Stickney, President and Chapter co-ordinator
Joe Vercelino, Vice Pres.
Hilda Lange, Sec.
Neno Carlino, Treas.
Emory Souza, Sgt. at Arms.

The Meeting was adjourned to coffee and donuts.

On February 13th, Hilda Lange and Patricia Murray held a Valentines party at hilda's home. A lorge portion of the Bay Area Chapter were in attendance. Mr. & Mrs. Anderson, Lola Cox, Joe and Doloris Vercellino, Al Stickney, Bob and Elsie East, Linda Hingston, Emory Souza, Darlene and Dorene Howsden, Nancy Jenkins, Gordon Pearl, Fulvio Parenti, Neno and Mary Jane Carlino.
A good time was had by all and the party broke up after midnight.

Bob East, Chairman District 12, LPA

Classified Section:

Alioto's Restrant will be closed until after the first of next month due to a remodeling. Drop in after the grand reopening and Chico will buy any LPA member a drink.
Remember,
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For Sale- 1957 Plymouth Automatic, radio, heater. Special price to LPA members.
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Little People! Do you want to drive a car and need extensions? I make them to fit most makes of American made autos. Information sent on request
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QUOTE OF THE MONTH
"Of all the things you were to wear- your expression is most important"

NEWSLETTER

LITTLE PEOPLE OF AMERICA, INC.

"Think Big"

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TRIBUTE TO WARREN "DOC" BAYLEY BY MARY SMITH

A dear friend of the Little People of America has passed away. Mr. Warren "Doc" Bayley was indeed a doctor to our organization. Through his kindness and generostiy we were able to springboard the L.P.A. In 1960 and 1961 the Little People of America held their National Conventions at the Hacienda Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada. Under his position of President of the Hacienda, the L.P.A. members were able to meet and organize. His generosity was expressed by one member who spent six dollars for one week. His name will long be remembered by the L.P.A. and to him we would like to dedicate this issue of the National Newsletter. May we, as a National Organization, express our sincerest feelings, and his wife, Mrs. Judith Bayley, our warmest thoughts.

1960-1961 HACIENDA CONVENTIONS

EDITORIALLY SPEAKING

By Billy Barty

This is going to be a special edition of the National Newsletter and I hope it meets with the approval of all. An editor is suppose to answer questions. In this issue I hope to answer several.

One person asked me about a distribution of our mailing list to start a pen-pal club. The idea is good, but the mailing list is one we should use with care and caution. It is for paid members only and should be used by the members with integrity. Several years ago the list was abused and therefore it was discontinued to members.

I have heard many people talk about the qualifications to become a member of this organization. The constitution was printed sometime ago in the newsletter. Let us review the part; Article 11, Object. "The object of this organization shall be of a non-profit basis, for the purpose of providing and maintaining, within its resources, an organization dedicated to uniting midgets and dwarfs (to be known as Little People), both male and female, in the work of promotion of their highest interests; to promote sociability, good friendship and mutuality among its members; to encourage members to develop, evelate and defend their mental and moral character; to protect and assist their members needing such assistance, on the broadest principles of humanity; to work for these objects on a non-profit, non-political and non-secretarian basis; and for such other objects as shall not be inconsistent with the provisions of the Act and Laws under which it is organized." Now I will ask the question:" where does it say anything about height?" We have in our organization a Pituitary type who is 4' 10" and a Achondroplastic type who is 4' 11". The descretion of membership is up to the National Officers and will be properly handled at National Conventions and/or by the District Chairman in his respective area. Many times I have read articles or have heard people talk of the Height limit. I hope this will help clarify things.

President's Report

It is the responsibility of each and every person to make LPA known, not only to the general public, but to every little person in this country.

Now you may say, "Wait a minute, that's a large order, especially for an individual." In reality it isn't. You have many, many opportunities. Many more than you realize. You must have to keep your eyes open and take advantage of these opportunities. Opportunities present themselves every day as you go about your usual routine life. I mentioned earlier that your close associates forget you are small, as a result, they may never think to tell you about some other little person that they know of. Example: A man worked for me 7 years before he said anything - the only thing that promoted him to speak was seeing an L.P.A. convention group picture on my desk - another example: My own sister went to school with two girls who were little without ever mentioning it until after she graduated. She didn't think of it.

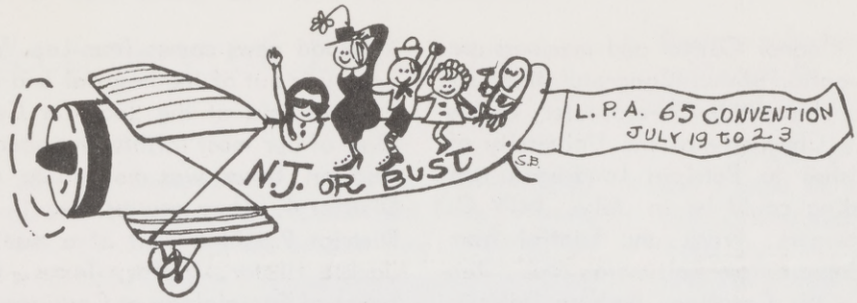
So what do you do? Make it a point to mention your interest in LPA to every single person you come in contact with. The results are fantastic. Here is another example of a very recent opportunity that presented itself to me from a not-so-close associate. I met a business acquaintance in a post office who commented on the stack of envelopes I was mailing. I explained my position and then asked him if he knew of any little people. He didn't and we parted. It made an impression on him and he told his wife about our conversation. His wife was society editor or a weekly newspaper in Richardson. She contacted me and the results were a very good bit of publicity. Each of us must seize every opportunity in ways such as this to preach LPA. Now lets make some opportunities. We have an obligation to make ourselves to all potential members, but that is not enough. Letters out of the blue do not always impress suspicious people. Only by a dignified and considerate personal contact can people be approached. When you travel allow yourself some extra time. Get a mailing list from your District Chairman and try to look up everyone along the way. Go out of your way a few miles if you have to. Your visit may be just what the person needs. Be alert, learn to recognize when a person (even a stranger) looks like he wants to ask you a question. He may be bashful, but he may want to talk to you because he may know of a little person. Ask him first. Ask everywhere you go. Finally, and possible most important, let us each resolve to set an example for others to follow. Don't expect people to follow your words. They will follow only your deeds and actions.

Remember, whether you like it or not, you are on exhibit 24 hours a day. Not only to the general public, but to other members, prospective members, your friends, your associates, your children. Therefore, conduct yourselves at all times accordingly. Pay attention to your dress, your conduct, your speech and all your actions so that anyone who holds you up as an example or shining idol will not be led astray.

Be charitable toward others, expect no more from others than you actually give. Remember, most of us would naturally resent consessions to other minority groups, so, we should not expect others to be condescending to us. Stop asking, start giving. In closing, if we each firmly resolved to our part for L.P.A., 12 months out of the year, and if each of you make it your personal challenge to bring in at least one new member before the next convention, LPA will surely become a National institution of which we can all be proud, and many more may receive benefits from LPA because you have given.

A Little Person Can Be Anything
He Wants But Tall

1965 CONVENTION



VOLUME 4 NO. 3 L.P.A. NEWSLETTER MARCH 1965

The 7th National Convention of Little People of America, Inc. will soon be here. It will be held at the Holiday Inn in Gloucester, N.J. from July 19-23, 1965 with District 2 as your host. Plans are well under way to make this convention the best one we have ever had. Many new features and innovations will make your stay an ejoyable one. The following are some of the plans we will have:

BOWLING & BINGO: Everyone can participate. You can take part in the bowling tournament where trophies will be awarded to the top bowlers or have fun at bingo and win many useful prizes.

TALENT SHOW: There is much talent among LPA members and you will have an opportunity to take part in the show or be entertained by them. Start getting your vocal cords ready and your instruments oiled for a very enjoyable time. People from the entertainment world will also be there for your listening pleasure.

CITY TOUR: This will be your opportunity to see historic Philadelphia and its vicinity where you will relive happenings of a past era.

FASHION SHOW: Ladies, bring your prettiest frocks and, whether they are hand-made, tailor-made or store bought, you will have an opportunity to win many lovely prizes. Judges from leading department stores will be deciding the winners.

BASEBALL GAME: Fellows, we can't forget you. Start loosening up and get your gloves ready for what should be quite a game. Trophies will be awarded to the winning players and there will be gifts for the players who come in second.

CORONATION CEREMONIES: As in past conventions, members will have an opportunity to vote for the King and Queen of LPA. Three will be beautiful jeweled crowns, velvet capes and trophies for the lucky winners.

MUSIC & DANCE: A 4-piece band will entertain you each night for your listening and dancing pleasure. Some surprises are also in store for you.

RAFFLE PRIZES: Many lovely gifts will be given away to the holder of the winning tickets.

This convention will be one we will long remember so, make your plans to attend now. A registration application is enclosed. Why not fill it in and send it to me now?

P.S. The Holiday Inn will provide free transportation to and from the airports for members flying to convention.

Please complete this registration form carefully for the annual convention of LPA. This form is to be mailed, together with your check, payable to LITTLE PEOPLE OF AMERICA, INC. to Miss Eleanor Ostrow, Convention Chairman, 4567 Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11235.

IMPORTANT: This application for registation is not to be confused with the Holiday Inn Accommodation application for your rooms. A separate application will be enclosed with your next issue of the National Newsletter. This will also include a stamped, self-addressed, envelope to Holiday Inn.

All convention guests will be asked to show their membership cards when registering. If you have not paid your dues as yet, please mail your check to your district chairman as soon as possible so that a card will be sent to you before convention time.

PLEASE NOTE: A complete escorted bus tour of historic Philadelphia, including Independence Hall, Liberty Bell, Betsy Ross House, Ben Franklin's grave and other sites, has been arranged. The walking for this tour will be kept at a minimum. The complete cost is $3.00 per person, which is to be included together with your registration fee as indicated above.

1. Room plus luncheon, dinner and banquet at a cost of $12.60 per day for single occupancy, $10.60 for double, $9.60 for three in a room, and $8.60 for four, per person, per day. All gratuities are included in the room rate.
2. Children under 12 years of age will not be charged for a room, but will be required to pay $3.60 per day for their luncheon and dinner.
3. There will be no charge for use of meeting rooms and for transportation to and from the Philadelphia airport.
4. A complimentary suite will be made available for the President, but he will be required to pay $4.60 for luncheon and dinner, per day.
5. It is agreed that the minimum stay and charge will be for 4 nights and 8 meals.

J.B. Rogers - For the Holiday Inn

REGISTRATION FEES

$ 3.00 - All LPA members
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12.50 - Families of non-LPA members (Includes family membership for 1965)

REGISTRATION FORM

Please Complete:

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DISTRICT REPORTS

District 2 Chairman Eleanor Ostrow and members are busy with National Convention plans. Congratulations are in order to Bob Spector, convention Co-ordinator, on his completion of a PhD in Chemistry at the University of Pennsylvania. Best wishes to Patricia Londregan and Harold Schulman, wedding could be in July. N.Y.C. host to many out-of-towners. Frank and Lentini from Auburn, N.Y., Bob Hinkson from Baltimore, Md., Dan Turner, Ronald Shealy, N. Carolina, Barbara DeVolt, Clevelend, Ohio, and Paul Jones, Chardon, Ohio. Send get well card to Marcus Lazer, 739 Sheffield, Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y. Condolence to Catherine Gordon on the loss of her sister Eleanor. Richie Heyman held a meeting at his home, 32 people attended. The Brooklyn area, Philadelphia, and Pittsburgh People are all active with meetings and plans for the National. Jimmy Lentz is a new member from Pittsburgh.

District 6, Harriet Hoppert reporting. April 4th will be the next meeting for district members. District 6 is especially proud of Miss Kathy Gearen, formerly of Racine, Wisconsin. She recently entered a convent in Owensboro, Kentucky. In 1965 she will be going to the motherhouse in Brest, France. She may receive letters. Miss Kathy Gearen, 1516 Parrish Ave., Owensboro, Kentucky 42302. The activities are good and the April 4th meeting will be held at the home of Miss Jackie Robeson, 1030 S. Beverly Pl., Lake Forest, Ill. Annual picnic will be held in the Welbes home. Harriet Hoppert is asking for publicity to fill her LPA book. Recent visitors from Hammond Indiana were Nick and Jeanne Michaels and daughter Donna who attended a get together at the home of Mrs. Therese Keenan's.

DISTRICT 6

Mrs. Leota Wilson Reed is doing some good Public Relations work for LPA in District 7. I received her interesting biog (and picture), and it's great to hear from that District.

Good news comes from Lee Wright of District 8. Lee Landry is out of the hospital and feeling better. A meeting was held at the Jack Tar Capitol House March 6-7. One of our most faithful members, Miss Selma Grant of Houston Texas was married to Mr. Harry Burman from District 4. They are residing in Houston. Bill Raeke of District 9 paid a visit at a meeting at the home of Miss Jackie Hester, Dallas, Texas. Dr. W.F. Pledger, Professor of Socialology at Centinary College was a guest.

Mary Maynard reports heavy activity in District 9. Bill Raeke is doing public speaking on behalf the L.P.A. Mary had an auto accident but is in better shape than her car. Georgianne Gatz has election results in the Minneapolis Chapter. Bob Baily-Pres., Vern Geis-V.P., Gatz-Sec., Bernice Freiling-Tres., and Dale Hardy-Entertainment and Food. Mary is happy the way members are paying dues. Ruth Hoog and Maude Wells are working on having a meeting in Grand Island. On Feb. 28th Miss Martha Wehar of Anamosa Iowa and James Seeley were married at the First Baptist Church.

Shirley Berg writes a District 11 meeting will be held April 3-4 in Seattle, Washington. Frieda Groeneveld will act as host. Business will include forming chapters, banquet dinner, and slide films will be shown.

Bos Beat reporting from District 12 states that the Bay area held a meeting for Chapter election. Al Stickney was voted Pres., Joe Vercellino-V.P., Hilda Hange-Sec., Nino Carlino-Trea., Emory Souza-Sgt.-at-arms. The third annual banquet will be held March 20th. A new District 12 Chapter in Sacramento is being organized, and one may be re-organized in San Diego. The Bay area reports that Hilda Lange and Lola Cox have been on the sick list.

Bob East, his wife Elsie, Nancy Jenkins, Pat Murray, and twins Dorene and Darlene Howsden journeyed south to attend the Los Angeles Chapter meeting and were greeted by 85 people and guests. Billy Barty, Cahpter President, took roll call from Andre Boursee and introduced guests, plus Mr. and Mrs. Wes Newhart from San Diego and their son Joe, Richard Carndell from Hawaii, and welcomed Larry Green back. Order of Business: Gordon England Roller Skating party March 6th, LPA-Parents Auxiliary March 19, Chapter meeting March 20th, and miniature Gold Tournament, courtesy Jerry Austin, March 20th Christmas dinner dance set for December 4th. Bob East was asked to speak and reported over 112 members have paid their dues. Percentage wise, this is not good because we have 313 people on our mailing list.

Mark your calendar for the National Convention
July 19-23

Profile of Frances S. Conville National Secretary of LPA Inc.

Frances S. Conville, was born on September 9, 1915, in Childersburg, Alabama to the wonderful parents of Sara Estelle Duck and Elbert Francis Conville. Frances, stands 4 ft. 2 in. tall, at the present time. Having her full height at the age of 10 years old. At the age of three years old her family moved to Sylacauga, Alabama where she remained until later years. She attended Sylacauga Grammer and High School, the Daisy Haralson Business School graduating in 1935. She is a member of Grace Methodist Church, Atlanta, Georgia. While living in Sylacauga she was active in the First Methodist Church, holding many offices in different departments there. In 1947 she moved to Atlanta, Georgia and now resides in Decatur, Georgia.

As a child Frances grew up with eight brothers and sisters, all of normal height. She grew up in a normal atmosphere in her home, school, church and all surroundings. It was when she was nine years old that her parents knew she would never be of normal height. A doctor from the Childrens Clinic, Mayo Hospital, and a doctor from John Hopkins told her parents this. They said "Do not worry, it is what is up top side that counts". From then on, there was no worry about her life.

Frances has done extensive travel, having traveled in some 40 states of the U.S.A. and spent five years in the Orient (Okinowa) as a Federal Civil Service Civilian Employee with the US Air Force there. She is in her 21st year with Civil Service and as she has stated, "It is a fine position of any LPA with business office training".

In her early years of employment she did a varied number of jobs. First Secretary to the Buffalo Rock & 7-UP Distributing Co., Gift Wrapping in a department store, WPA worker, on a Beautification Project, a Library Project, Dry Cleaning work and florist work. In 1943 she began her Civil Service Work, being employed at the Coosa River Ordnance Depot, Annistron Ordnance Depot, Atlanta General Depot, Third US Army Headquarters, then to an overseas assignment, back to Atlanta, Ga. in 1957 to become Mrs. She was married in June of 1957, and maintained the Mrs. until the latter part of 1959, as she states, "things happen in the Best of Families". It happened to her, but her advice on marriage is excellent and each and every person should find a mate. It is the foundation of a most inspiring life. She obtained her maiden name and that is what she goes by now. But there is Happiness for each of us in this work, married or single.

It was November 1960 that Frances made her first LPA Convention is Las Vegas, Nevada. It was here Billy Barty, President of LPA, appointed her as District Director of District 4. She has attended all National Conventions since, many District Meetings in other districts, and an eastern meeting in Washington D.C.. She has also held the Editor slot in the National LPA Newsletter for 1 year. This past Convention she was elected to the post of National Secretary. She is also Asst. Penny Pemble on the Newspaper Staff at the present time. Frances, as many of you know her by Fran, has had some two hundred and fifty LPA in her home since 1960.

TEENAGERS COLUMN

Darlene & Dorene Howsden
2680 Dunn Rd.
Hayward, California

A couple of weeks ago Darlene and I went to Sacramento with our District Chairman, and while we were there we met many Little People. One was a teenager, his name is Steve Brown and he is thirteen, we hope to see him at our next Little Peoples meeting.

We also received a letter from a teenager who lives in Georgia. His name is Glenn Summers and he is seventeen years old. He is planning on going to Washington next summer.

During the past few months we have received many letters from you teenagers throughout the country. This proves to us that you want to correspond and that you also want to keep this teenage column going. So, keep up the good work, and hope to see some of you at our next L.P.A. meeting.

Frances Conville (Continued)

Her heart is in LPA work and a better LPA from all view points. It is a great organization for any Little Person, parents of Little Persons. This will be something that none will regret belonging to.

TO THE MEMBERS OF LPA

I wish to take this time to express my appreciation to the membership of LPA for their confidence in electing me to serve as National Secretary for the next two years. I consider it a great honor to be elected by you, it is a privilege to serve and a great challenge for me.

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Dear Mr. Barty:

Having made some small contributions to your organization I have been receiving your Newsletters and have found them most informative and interesting. The December issue deserves a "Bravo" ..the "Thought for Christmas" by Joe White lifted my spirits as it must have done for all those who read it. Who is Joe White?

And now this brings me to one of my purposes in writing. The articles about themselves by Eleanor Ostrow and Paul Dolinajec, Jr. were a delight to read....and an accolade must go to your Lola Cox also. What hope and courage these people give to others.

I think these personal pictures of your members are an important part of your Newsletter and I do hope that more of your members will be willing to take the time to write about themselves.

Is there anyone who has "chondrodystrophy" or who has a child who has this to cope with. Whatever information can be given me will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you....may God bless each and every one of you.

Most Sincerely,

Frances B. Palter
(Mrs. Joseph G.)
16 High St.
Woburn, Massachusetts

MAN CAN GROW

National Geographic Magazine, published in Washington, DC, reports that generation to generation man is growing taller and broader. This probably is true.

The Roman centurion, for example, was not the Alpine-like man today's school child, reading of his prowess, might imagine. He was about 5 feet tall. The shining knight in armor who followed 1,000 or more years later had grown to about 5 feet 4 inches. Today Mr. Average Man is approximately 5 feet 9 inches.

A curious thought occurs about here. Man is growing taller and broader in an age when he needs height and breadth the least. His tasks ahead are not physical; they are largely mental. He need not engage the mastodon; his world consists of corridors and corridors of computers.

The question is: While man is growing upward and outward, what about that three pounds or so of gray matter called the brain?

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find check # 015 from the LPA District # 12 account dated March 4-65 and drawn on the Bank of America, El Camino-Mary Branch Bank, Sunnyvale, California, for the amount of $ 2.00. This is the portion of dues for the national account. The balance of $ 3.00 is being retained for the district funds as directed by the constitution and by-laws.

Please make out a membership card for the following member:

Type of Membership: Single

Name: Miss Patricia Murray

Address: 6112 Harwood Ave.

City and State: Oakland, Calif. 94618

The card should be returned to me so that the number may be recorded and forwarded to the member.

Very truly yours,

Bob Ecart

Chairman - District # 12
Little People of America, Inc.

Encl.
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LITTLE PEOPLE OF AMERICA, INC. DISTRICT 12 NEWSLETTER MARCH 1965----------

District 12 is sttll out in front to be 1st place in the nation for 1965 but there are several other districts closeing in fast. For the first time since LPA started, district 12 has more members than any other district.

The following is a list of the people in district 12 with the distinction of being LPA members on record as of March 29, 1965.

SINGLE MEMBERSHIPS

Ruth Aftergut
Roger Arroyo
Robert Barstow
Fred Berry
Nova Cobb
Lola Cox
Richard Crandall
Bonnie Cremer
Deloris Crone
Ezra Dame
Kathryn Dupee
Lillie Franco
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Ellis Harper
Linda Hingston
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Margaret Main
Jerry Maren
Ruth McCarty
Alice Miranda
Harry Monty
George Moore
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Fulvio Parenti
Bob Poe
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Morris Rosenberg
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Mary Smith
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Elizabeth Staiger
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Vince Vella
Larry Wiard

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John & Barbara Abbott
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Jerry & Jean Austin
Billy & Shirley Barty
Fred & Clara Blenkarn
Otto & Isadora Bohmann
Roger & Leona Brown
Jimmy Brown
Tony Brown
Kevin Brown
Neno & Mary Jane Carlino
Jack Carlino
Anthony Carlino
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Debra Jo Dixon
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Len & Aileen Garman
Bob & Lorraine Gay
Herb & Launa Kinzel
Della Shelton
Nels & Gloria Nelson
Marion & Betty Nichols
Alan Nichols
Stacie Nichols
Bill & Joanna Norvell
Angelo & Georgia Rossitto
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Marla Meg Darden
Timothy Hughes
Roy Hutt
James Kringle
Terie Landry
Jimmy Lomas
Kelly Mann
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Irving Scible
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Mimi Wade

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Robert Kipp
Barbara Kipp
Billy Keffer
Floyd Keffer
Phyllis Keffer
Brian Lusk
Lee Lusk
Beverly Lusk
Nancy Peterson
Ernest Peterson
Patricia Peterson
Alan White
Mary White

Associate Memberships

Richard Galhouse, Virginia Geddes, Donna Lathers, Dominec Messina, Buster Resmondo

The preceding page represents a total of 132 people that are interested enough to belong to one of the best organizations in the United States. In regards to Little People, it is the best. 1965 continues to show that it is going to be a great year for the LPA and all that are conected with it. When the year is over, our own district can look back and see a lot of acomplishments. If the members continue to work as they are, it will be hard for any of the future years to beat this one.

Four More Months!!! Yes four more months and the LPA National convention will be another bit of history. The important thing right now is what is going to happen in the four months that are left. Many of you people have had good ideas to build up the LPA. Many of you have had complaints against what has already been done or not being done. Between now and convention time, write these things down and send them in to me. They will then be presented before the National Board of Directors for consideration. Last year one of the proposals that district 12 presented was the possability of a life membership to anyone wishing to pay for it. I was appointed to make a study of this proposal and present the findings at this years convention. If any of you people have any ideas on something like this, send them in to me. It doesn't make any differance how far out they may seem to be.

TEENAGERS
Do you know that it was our district that started the teenage group of Little People? The Teenage Co-chairmen have been doing a very good job and are already making plans to be included in our program at the district convention this fall. If any of you have not yet contacted or have not been contacted by the leaders of this group, write them a note. Remember, if you are between the ages of 13 and 19 you are eligable to belong to this group. We would also like to have a record of the 12 year olds too. Write to Darlene and Dorene Howsden, 2680 Dunn Rd., Hayward, Calif.

How many people plan to go to the National Convention from District 12???
Drop me a short note and let us know. The word that is coming in is that this years Convention is going to be the best yet. Over a years work will be put into it by the time it is over.

The last National Newsletter put out a couple of weeks ago will be for the months of February and March. The next issue will be out for April. This has let me get cought up in a way as the work for the first few months has caused me to fall a bit behind. A new up-to-date mailing and membership list will be prepared and should be ready to send out to members in the April newsletter.

Baseball Lovers

Did you know that there is going to be a baseball game at the National Convention this year? Did you know that each player on the winning team is going to be awarded a prize? District 12 has the finest selection of ball players of any other district in the Nation Could it be possable that we could make up a team and go back and be the winning team of the 1965 Convention? How about it? All you ball players drop me a note and give your ideas.

CHAPTER NEWS

LOS ANGELES AREA
Meeting of March 20
The meeting was called to order by L.A. chapter president, Billy Barty.
Roll call was taken by Andre Boursse and it was reported that there were 36 Little People and 14 guest in attendance.
A new member was introduced. 2½ year old Michael Gilden and his big parents David and Sue Gilden.
A motion was made by Jerry Maren and seconded by Otto Bohmann that the minutes be approved as printed.
The treasurers report was given. The chapter had a balance of 47.66. Shirley Leschander donated 15.76 from sales to Little People of the Christmas cards.
Everyone was reminded by Billy to sign up for the dinner-dance in December.
Committee Reports:

Ways and Means:
A baseball game is in the planning. Dorothy Henderson has several other things that she is working on.
Harvey Williams suggested a swap meet and the members were asked to make out a list and send it to Billy of the things that they could donate.

Parents Auxiliary Forum
Mrs. Beverly Lusk reported that the first meeting was held on the 19th at the home Mrs. Georgia Rossitto. Four new people attended the discussions. Mrs. Lusk asked for more Teenagers and LPA members to attend these discussions. A notice will be sent out concerning the next meeting.

Billy Barty read a letter from District Chairman Bob East thanking the L.A. members for their hospitality on behalf of the Bay Area people who attended the meeting in February.

L.A. Chapter News Cont.

Anna Dixon suggested that when people contact other Little People they should send the names and addresses to her or Billy.
Gordon England reported on the success of the Roller Skating party. 28 Little People and 12 guests attended.
Mr. Barty thanked the Delfinos and the Williams for serving refreshments at the last meeting.
It was reported that only paid up LPA members will be receiving the Newsletters and the forthcoming membership list.
Gordon Eggland made the motion and it was seconded by Tommy Henderson that the meeting be adjourned.
Refreshments webe served and the members resumed dancing.

SACRAMENTO AREA
Meeting of March 13
An informal meeting was held at the home of Kelly Mann on March 13 for most of the afternoon and early evening. 16 Little People along with a very large number of relatives were present.
Bob East, District 12 chairman, gave a talk on the LPA explaining the diferant things about it and ended up answering questions from the people present. Little People presemt that missed the last meeting were; Eugene and Tammara Kathan, Billy Colison, Glen Ellen Featherston, and Mrs. Evelyn DeMania.
There was a very good turn out of interested people and is expected that even more will show up for the April get-together.
The meeting ended late and everone adjourned to a very fine pot-luck dinner prepared by most of the parents present.
Next meeting, April 10 at the home of Karla Ketchel.

BAY AREA CHAPTER
Meeting of March 6
The meeting was called to order at 7:30 by the President Al Stickney. Pat Murray gave the opening prayer.
There were several visiters presant. Lillie Johnson from Fresno and Nova Cobb and her family from Williams.
Neno Carlino gave the treasurers report and it was accepted as read.
The banquet was discussed and it will be on Saturday March 20 at the Golden West Restaurant in Oakland. Cocktails at 7:00. Members and those paying dues for the past 3 months will be free. Others wishing to attend, the charge will be 4.50 per person.
Baseball was discussed and due to the cost of the field ect. a motion was made by Fulvio and seconded by Neno that baseball practice start in May.
Gifts were given to the Francos(our landlords) in apreciation for what they have done.
Mary Jane made the suggestion that members volunteer to bring refreshments. This will be tried for six months. Pat and Juanita vounteered to bring cake and coffee for the next meeting.
Linda discussed and made a motion that we should not be restricted to our coffee time and we should have it before and after the meeting. It was seconded by Elsie and passed.
Al Stickney read a passage from the constitution concerning the problems of the size of Little People. He will write a letter to the National President about this matter.
Fulvio made the motion and it was seconded by Nenn to table this for another month.

The Bay Area Banquet, March 20th. --- 35 people were present at the Golden West Restaurant for the third annual banquet. It was noted that 16 of the original charter members were present. Hats off to Neno Carlino for the fine arrangments that were made and the meal was delicious. A very fine cooked steak.
After the dinner, everyone danced until after midnight. Again Neno, you did a good job.

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Help Wanted---Little People interested in working as Santa Claus's Helpers, Write to
Mr. Dick Butcher 6348 Los Gatos Hwy. Santa Cruz, Calif.
This is not just Christmas work but work for about 8 months a year.

Alioto's at Fishermans Wharf in San Francisco will soon be open after remodeling.
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Something to think about----"A smile is considered contagious. What are you doing to spread this disease?"

Chairman district 12, Bob East

LITTLE PEOPLE OF AMERICA, INC.
DISTRICT 12
MAY 1965

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"Would you like to fly back to the National Convention? Would you like a round trip ticket for only $125.00 on a DC7? If you are in the least bit interested, contact Billy Barty immediately and lets see how many we can round up. This trip is not final but the price is right if we can get enough people to sign up."

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A NEW ARRIVAL AT THE HOME OF JOE & DELORIS VERCELLINO

James David Vercellino, 5 lbs. 6 oz., arrived April 27,1965.
Contacted Deloris recently and the report was that everything is getting along fine. Something new but the situation is well in hand.

Anna Dixon Receives Award

Recently Anna was named "Worker of the Year for 1965" by Goodwill Industries of Souther California. Anna, who served as official hostess at the awards breakfast during National Goodwill Week, was chosen for this award because of her superior vocational accomplishments and outstanding achievement of rising above the limits of her size.

RECENT VISITORS TO DISTRICT 12

National Vice-President, Bill Albaugh and his wife Marie after an extensive tour of the Pacific Northwest and district 11 traveled on down to California. They are now touring the state on business for the Squirt Bottling Co. Both were in the Bay Area during the first part of the month and were able to visit many of their LPA friends. Later they traveled to the Los Angeles Area promoting LPA and Squirt all the way. All kidding aside, Bill has been doing a wonderful job of publicity promotion for LPA on his travels throughout the U.S. While he was at my home, he showed me stacks of clippings on his most recent trip. All of very good quality. Bill and Marie should be in the Stockton-Sacramento area about June 1 to 15.

Another visitor is Jim Cady from Fort Worth, Texas. Jim, traveling with his mother, has made several trips to California in recent years. Both like the state very well and may decide to make their permanate residence here.

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CHAPTER NEWS

BAY AREA CHAPTER. MEETING OF MAY 1,1965

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 by president Al Stickney followed by the opening prayer given by Pat Murray.

The minutes were read and approved by Hilda Lange. Neno gave the treasurers report which was approved followed by the roll-call of members.

OLD BUSINESS

Baseball was discussed and due to the lack of players we will not have a team this year.

Two couples attended the 39er's dance.

New Business

Fulvio will look into a new group concerning any future dances given by the Bay Area Chapter.

Picnic discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

On Saturday, May 22 at 7:30 there will be a discussion on the drafting of a set of by-laws governing the Bay Area Chapter. Meeting will be at Al Stickneys home in San Bruno. All those interested may attend.

Emery Souza is moving to the Los Angeles area. We are very sorry to lose him but wish him the very best and a fine future.

Baseball was discussed again and a motion was made and seconded to see if we could get our money back that was paid for the rent of the field.

District Chairman Bob East gave a report on the Sacramento Chapter. All LPs are invited to attend their meetings on the third Sunday afternoon of the month.

Mary Jane Carlino was thanked for furnishing and serving the refreshments.

Next meeting, June 5. Pot-luck followed by Bingo. Meeting adjourned at 8:45

CHAPTER NEWS cont.

Los Angeles Chapter meeting of May 15,1965

The meeting was called to order by president Billy Barty. Richard Crandall took roll call. New members Arleen Schmidt and James Olson of Monrovia were introduced. Al Stickney, president of the Bay Area Chapter, from San Bruno was introduced. The minutes of the last meeting were read. Vince Villa made the motion, seconded by Otto Bohmann and passed that the minutes be approved as read.

The treasurers report was not given due to the absence of Anna Dixon.

Old Business

Harvey Williams reported that the Bazar will be postponed until September but the big picnic is scheduled for June 13 at Streamland Park. There will be covered picic tables, dancing and games. All rides for the children will be free. Harvey Williams will contribute half the money taken in to see his show to the Chapter. Vince Vella reported on the Beach Party and it was voted to be held at Playa Del Ray. The Oscar Mayer people will furnish all the Hot Dogs and we are checking into the Buns. It was accepted to send a letter of thanks to the Oscar Mayer People.

Beverly Lusk reported on the Parents Auxiliary meeting. 15 people were present. Dr. Hugh Hatfield will have a complete report on growth in the near future. May 21 was the next session at which Billy and Shirley Barty discussed clothing.

Billy Barty acknowledged Felix Silla who stated that Sid Kroft is looking for a little person to join a show in San Francisco. For further information contact Felix. It is nesessary that the person be quite small.

Mr. Spuhlar contributed a beautiful giant gavel he made to the chapter.

Georgia Rossitto stated that The Happy Foot Bootery at the Valley Plaza in Van Nuys has wide shoes. Also at the next meeting Mrs. Rivkin of the P.T.A. will present a seven minute film on Hydro Therapy.

There was a drawing for door prizes and Vince Villa won and gave his tickets to the new members. Jean Austin was gracious and gave someone else another chance to win. The Capades tickets went to Fred Berry. Motion was made by Jerry Maren and seconded by Bob Kantor to adjourn.

Refreshments were served through the courtesy of hosts Shirley Leschander and Beverly Lusk.

Sacramento Chapter Meeting of May 16

District Chairman Bob East opened the meeting at 3:30 P.M. at the home of Martin Rogers. Mr. East suggested that we elect two officers for the time being to run the chapter in an official way. Later when more people become interested and join we will then fill up the open positions.

A nomination was made, seco nded, and closed for Mr. Brown to be President.

A momination was made, seconded, and closed for Nova Cobb to be secretary.

Mr. East explained to the parenst about the parents auxiliary, what it is, the good it will do for the Little Littles and their familys.

Mrs. Helen Rogers will be the Parents Auxiliary Chairman in the Sacramento Area. Mr. Jerry Mann and Mrs. Judy Kathan will assist her.

It was suggested and agreed upon to have a pot-luck dinner each month following the meetings.

It was agreed upon to have the meetings on the second Sunday of the month at 2:00 P,M.

Chairman of the pot-luck will be the host at whose home the meeting will be.

Secretary to record the minutes of the meetings and send a copy to the chairman of the district to be used to make up the district newsletter.

Teenager Jimmy Brown suggested for a teenager to be in charge of the Little Littles to play games ect in another room during the meetings. It was a goood suggestion and the membership agreed to give it a try. A chairman will be elected at the June meeting.

Weather permitting, the June meeting will be a picnic at William Land Park. If it rains, the meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Judy Kathan.

It was voted by the membership to name this chapter "Little People of The Sacramento Area."

Donations were given by members to help pay mailing expenses and the cost of contacting people.

Next meeting June 13, 2:00 P.M. Meeting adjourned at 5:00 P.M.

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CLASSIFIED

THIRSTY??? Next time think of our National Vice-President and buy some bottles of SQUIRT.

While in San Francisco, Fishermans Wharf is a must. While there have a nice Seafood Dinner at Alioto's. Chico Colla will buy any LPA member a drink. Several LPA members have already taken advantage of this offer and report a very nice time.

EGGO FOOD PRODUCTS is another company that has an LPA member working for them. Bob Gay says "Give them a try"

GIFTS??? Whenever possable see Shirley Leschander, Clover Leaf Gift Shop, 4919 Lankershim Blvd. No. Hollywood.

Bob East, Chairman District 12

LITTLE PEOPLE OF AMERICA, INC. DISTRICT 12 APRIL 1965

LPA NATIONAL CONVENTION

&th ANNUAL JULY 20, 21, 22,23

HOLIDAY INN
GLOUCHESTER, N.J.

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Let us stop and think a bit about the Little People Of America National Convention. How many of you people have attended one of these wonderful affairs in the past? Last year District 12 was represented by more than 35 people. Many of these people were attending for the first time, I among them. To me this was one of the most enjoyable times of my life and will be remembered for many years to come.
This year, the convention committee along with the National Officers and Board of Directors have gone all out to make this convention the best one yet. There has already been over nine months work put in this project.
Let me say something to those people that have not been fortunate to be able to attend one of these conventions yet. First you will meet more friendly people than you have ever met at one time in your life. If at the end of the convention you have not aquired at least a dozen fine friends, then something will be wrong.
There will be talks and discussions at the general meetings. Subjects will range all the way from scientific reports to how to fix your kitchen. Many of the things to be heard will be amazing.
About the second day is when you will start to realise that you are one of and not the one that stands out in the crowd. This is when you will really start to enjoy yourself and there will be hours of fun like you have never had before.
I could go on and on but I am going to leave that to be reported in the National News Letter.

I have just received the latest newsletter from our good nieghbor to the North, Shirley Berg, Director of District 11. She reports that there may be a caravan formed to go to the National Convention from Oregon. This sounds like a wonderful idea and would be lots of fun. What is the oppinion of those in District 12? Do you think we could get enough people to do the same thing? Maybe we could join the Oregon Party and head for New Jersey with them. We would be traveling the routes of our forfathers only in reverse.
Anyone interested??? If so let me know as soon as possable.
I will loan a set of extensions, if needed for the trip there and back, to anyone who can get a car and enough people to go.

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On the last two issues of the District 12 newsletter, I have listed the names of those that have renewed or joined the Little People Of America for 1965. To continue this practice would require a great amount of paper and I am beganing to run a bit low. Starting with this issue, I will list the names of those as they renew or join.

The following are those names added since the March issue,

Nova Cobb
Raylene John
Richard La Russa
Elizabeth Staiger
Connie Cummings
Terie Landry
Kelly Mann
Nancy Hall
John, Barbara and Paul Abbott
Joe & Deloris Vercellino
Her& Launa Kinzel and Della Shelton

Little Littles with their parents in the Parents Auxiliary

Martin Rogers- - - - - - -Bill & Helen Rogers
Deborah Graff- - - - - - -B. Eastman & Vera Graff

With the large amount of people joining up this year, it has made it financialy possable to once again send an issue of this newsletter to everyone in district 12 member or not.

TO ALL LITTLE PEOPLE OF AMERICA MEMBERS IN DISTRICT 12

By the time you receive this newsletter, you should already have received your District 12 address list. It was a job to make up but it is now in the hands of all members. All that we ask is that you use this list with discretion/ Don't abuse it and if you write to anyone on the list, do it on a solid friendship basis. Above all do not let any business or other organization have posestion of this list. Use it as you would want your name to be used. Remember, it is on this list too.

A MAN IS AS BIG AS THE THINGS THAT MAKE HIM MAD

LITTLE LITTLES IN SCHOOL

It was asked of me recently, "How many schools have more than one Little Little going to it." It started me to think and I am really surpeised at the amount that there are. Just in Northern California I have these to report. Jack and Anthony Carlino in Richmond. Darlene and Dorene Howsden along with Carol Gray going to Chabot J.C. in San Leandro. Of course these three girls are not Little Littles but they are going to school and three in one school is something to report. In Sacramento there is Martin Rogers and Eugene Kathan. Next September, Eugenes sister Tammara will be going to the same school as the two boys and that will be three in one school.
There are many more cases and I hope to have a more accurate report next issue. I expect a letter from Billy Barty telling if this condition exists in Los Angeles.

DISTRICT 12 SCHOLARSHIP?

Speaking of schools, this subject fits in very nicely right here.
On March 20th, Mrs. Helen Rogers, mother of Martin Rogers, made a donation of 87.00 towards a District 12 scholarship fund. She made this donation with the agreement that we have six months to get this program started or at the end of that time we will turn said funds over to the National Scholarship Fund. Work has already started and we will make reports as things develop.
Mrs. Rogers made the promise that if any Little People purchased any of the World Book products that she sells, she would donate here entire commission to the fund. So far she has made two sales of encyclopedias to Little People or LP familys.

On Easter Sunday, there was a very fine article about Lee Kitchens, our National President, and his family in the San Jose Mercury News. Since then, I have been informed that this same article was published in several other newspapers in the Bay Area. I happened to be in San Jose visiting that day when Bob Gay phoned me up to give me the news. I was able to go out and buy three copys but hope that some of the people in the area saved me some more. I sent one to Lee and one to The National Historian.

APRIL---THE MONTH OF TRAVEL

April seems to be the month that starts the summers travels. Already District 12 is experiencing this movement.
Early this month Jerry Maren made his way all the distance to the state of Washington. While there, he was able to attend the District 11 convention over April 3rd & 4th.
On April 2nd, Virginia Geddes the LPA Queen boarded a plane and flew up to the Bay Area for a weeks vacation before starting work. The weather was not too well while she was here but I do hope that she enjoyed herself and will return soon. Easter vacation was really the start of heavy movement. Harriet Hoppert, LPA National Historian and coressponding secretary for District 6, spent a hurried 10 days in the Bay Area Visiting many relatives, friends and LPA friends. Emery Souza and Linda Hingston went to Linda's parents for a week in La Crecsenta.

TEENAGE CHATTER by Darlene and Dorene Howsden

Rose Ann Smith is doing very nicely after her corrective leg opperation but is still on crutches.
Peggy Stockton was at the Bay Area April meeting and bought along the science project she made for school titled "What causes dwarfism." It was very well put together and shows a great deal of work.
Connie Cummings and her parents plan to make their vacation in the state of Washington the last two weeks of July or the first two weeks of August.
Donna Lathers has been busy getting ready for a wedding shower she is giving for one of her girlfriends.
Nova Cobb is getting ready for graduation in June.
Carol Gray has made several trips to Lake Tahoe recently and has been having a wonderful time. She also plans to get a car soon.

TEENAGERS IN DISTRICT 12. Take a few minutes and write a short letter to Darlene or Dorene Howsden, 2680 Dunn Rd., Hayward, Calif.

CHAPTER NEWS

BAY AREA CHAPTER MEETING of April 3,1965 Place--2339 - 38th Ave. Oakland, Calif.
The meeting was called to order by Al Stickney, president, at 7:30 P.M. Patricia Murray gave the opening prayer.
We had several visitors present. Virginia Geddes of Ventura, the queen of the 1964 National Convention and a member of the Los Angeles Chapter. Carolyn Strange, from Santa Paula and a student of Stanford University.
The minute were read and approved. The Treasures report was given followed by the roll call.

Chapter News Bay Area cont.
A thank-you card was received from Mrs. Franco for the gifts given her in appreciation.
The editorial by Billy Barty in our National Newsletter gave us some answers to our discussion on the size and type of Little People. A letter from the National President Lee Kitchens resolved teh problem and qualifications for future members of the LPA would be up to the district director.
A report was given on the banquet and it was agreed that it was a great success and all that attended had a very good time.
New Business
A discussion was brought up in regards to picnics and everyone was asked to look for a place for future arrangements.
The question was brought up if unpaid members could discuss the chapters doings and vote on such matters. This will be discussed more in later meetings.
It was suggested that the Bay area chapter draw up a constitution and by-laws as long as it doesn't conflict with the National. President, Al Stickney will do so in the next few months and it will be submitted and discussed at a later meeting.
The 39er's dance will be held on April 24th. A motion was made and seconded to buy $10.00 or two books of tickets for the dance. The tickets will then be given to LP members wishing to attend the dance.
It was suggested that we have a round-table discussion on Little People after the business meeting.
Peggy Stockton invited all members t o the Apple Festival in Sebastopol April 10-11.
The Business meeting was adjourned at 8:30 after which Bingo was played.
Peggy Stockton brought along and displayed her exhibit on Little People and received a well deserved compliment.
Thanks were given to Pat Murray and Juanita Smith for the refreshments.

Sacrmento Area

An unofficial meeting was held on April 10, 5:15 P.M. at the home of Karla Ketchel.
10 Little People and 11 relatives were present. Little Little, Nancy Hall was introduced as a prospective new member.
It was discussed and agreed on to have future meeings on Sunday Afternoons.
Hopes are at the next meeting a board of officers will be elected.
Mrs Helen Bottel, a free lance reporter, will be at the next meeting.
District Director Bob East explained more phases of the LPA and of the district news.
The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 to a wonderful pot-luck enjoyed by all.

Los Angeles County

Meeting of April 24
The meeting was called to order by vice- president Otto Bohmann in the absence of Billy Barty who was doing a show for the County Park and Recreation Indoor Sports Club.
Andre Boursee took roll call and 60 people were in attendance. Mr. Bohmann introduced and welcomed back Mr. Morey Alden and his wife Marjorie. Marjorie introduced h er mother Mrs. Alice Bourassa. The members welcomed Mrs. Sue Silla and her husband Felix, Mr. & Mrs. Thompson and Little Kevin.
The Treasurers report was given. Harvey Williams made the motion and was seconded by Beverly Lusk to approve the minutes of the last meeting.
Mrs. Lusk made the anouncement that the next Parents-LPA Forum will be April 30th at the Crippled Childres Workshop.
June 13 was set for the date of a picnic. Harvey Williams stated that he had a friend who owned a park and would give the members free rides. It is the Streamland Park in Pico Rivera. A committee of Harvey Williams, Raylene John, Gordon England, Jerry Maren and Andre Boursee was appointed. Vince Villa was made head of a beach party.
A reminder about the National Convention was made and those stating they were going to attend were Jerry Maren, Anna Dixon, Raylene John, Mary & Alan White, Billy and Shirley Barty.
The next meeting will be held on Sat. May 15. Meeting was adjourned to square dancing and refreshments. New member John Ramirez brought some goodies and Richard Crandell with Marilyn Stier served refreshments.

There is a job opening for a bartender and a waitress in a Night Club. Interested? Please call Nelson Crove, 15347 Roscoe Blvd., Van Nuys, or phone 894-9810.

LATE NEWS*****

Anyone that can get a good bid for the National Convention, contact any district co-ordinators or district chairman Bob East.
We are also interested in a bid for our district convention this coming September.

Received word from National Treasurer, Charles Bedow, that due to the increased membership this year, that membership cards have all been used up. There will be a temperary delay while new ones are being printed. People that have cards coming and have not received them as yet, you will in a very short while.

Bob East, Chairman District 12 LPA

LITTLE PEOPLE OF AMERICA, INC. DISTRICT 12 JUNE 1965

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This will be the last edition before leaving for the LPA National Convention. Just a reminder that is is not too late yet to make plans and reservations to attend the Convention in Gloucester N.J. July 19 thru 23. This is truly going to be the biggest, most interesting, THE BEST LPA convention yet.

Just one more reminder. If anyone is going to New Jersey by car and is need of a set of extensions to drive with, I will gladly loan a set for the trip at no cost.

BIG NEWS FOR DISTRICT 12

The DISTRICT 12 CONVENTION will be held in Bakersfield over the Labor Day weekend.

Preliminary plans and arrangements are right now being made for this big affair. Lillie Johnson on arriving home after a visit to the Bay Area was responsible in making the initial contact with Mr. Pitchford of the Hacienda Motel in Bakersfield. He in turn contacted Billy Barty and submitted a very nice bid for the stay at the motel

The following is a copy of the Hacienda Package that Mr. Pitchford submitted.

Room Occupancy	Rate Per Person	Includes
Single	$12.62 Per Person	Two Meals Per Day
Double	10.54 " "	" " " "
Triple	9.15 " "	" " " "
Quadruple	8.46 " "	" " " "

Sleeping accommodations for children will be free providing they use their parents facilities. Food for the children will be $4.30 per day. The above packages are complete including food tax, gratuity, and 4% county room tax.

Mr. Pitchford goes on to say that he will be glad to assist in any way with our convention activities. He follows with the statment that he knows that he can help with our North-South baseball game, bowling, golf or any recreation we plan.

For those people that attended the convention in Las Vegas, you can remember the Hacienda hospitality there. This is another in the Hacienda chain.

A rough outline of the program this year will cover these points.

A general membership meeting.
A meeting of the officers along with the chapter co-ordinators of the district.
A teenagers meeting. This will be condusted and attended by teenagers only.
A meeting of the parents auxiliary.
The North-South baseball game. This will be one of the main features of the year and everyone is already speculating as to who will go home with the trophys.
Dancing for two nights if we can arrange it.

The above points are only a rough outline. Any other subject or idea will be gladly considered from the membership if it is submitted in time. Billy and I, along with our wives, have an appointment with Mr. Pitchford the end of July where we will start making the final arrangements. As soon as it is possable after the first of August, I will have a newsletter out with more definate details.

Everyone!!! Start planning for this convention. It will be topped only by the National.

DISTRICT 12 NEWS IN BRIEF FOR JUNE

What could be bigger news in June than a wedding?
On June 8, Juanita Smith became the wife of Chico Colla. Best man and Maid of Honor were Neno and Mary Jane Carlino.

June 13 marked the day of a shower given to Deloris Vercellino in honor of the new addition to the Vercellino family, James. Co-hosts for the shower were Nancy Jenkins and Mary Jane Carlino at the home of Nancy.

Felix Silla and his new bride Sue have been in San Francisco while Felix was working on a show.

Vince Vella has also been in San Francisco working on TV for his boss The Oscar Meyer Meat Comany.

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Think about it
Judge not, that ye be not judged.

CHAPTER NEWS

BAY AREA
Meeting of June 5,1965

The meeting was called to order at 8:15PM by president Al Stickney.
Pat Murray gave the opening prayer.
The minutes were read and approved. Nemo gave the treasurers report which was approved followed by the roll call.
Guests were Lillie Johnson from Bakersfield, Connie's mother Mrs. Cummings, and Mr. Crone,husband of Deloris.
All that were present enjoyed the delicious pot-luck dinner.

New Business
Mary Jane gave a report on Tilden Park in Berkeley and a motion was made and seconded that w e have our first picnic there on Sunday July 25. The Ball Park area was reserved from 2 to 5 in the afternoon.
A motion was made and seconded to give the Vercellinos a gift for their son James.
A report was given by the president Al Stickney on the local constitution. A letter will be drafted the president and secretart and then be presented to all members of the Bay Area Chapter for approval.
The meeting for July will be postponed to the 10th due to the holiday weekend.

Bob East gave a report on the district. Newsletters will be late for June. It is hoped that all districts and chapters will soon have National LPA constitutions and by-laws.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:27 after which eyerone played Bingo.

Elsie East and Deloris Crone will provide the refreshments for the next meeting.

Sacramento Area
Meeting of June 13,1965

The meeting was called to order by president Roger Brown at 5:00 P.M.
This meeting was a combination meeting and the first picnic given by the Sacramento chapter.
It was suggested to appoint Mrs. Dominion to be temporary Vice President until we can elect one. Being that she is ill at the present time it was suggested that we inform her of our decision and keep her informed.
The subject of the parents auxiliary was brought up and Mrs. Rogers will be having a meeting as soon as she can.
Jimmy Brown made a motion for dues to be made for the chapter. It was suggested that .50 for adults and .25 for Little Littles be charged. It was seconded and passed.
District diector Bob East suggested that the meetings be on the Sunday after the second Saturday.
It was suggested that we do something to get the visitors to participate in the meetings.
It was discussed and agreed upon to have the next meeting at the home of Nova Cobb in Williams. Sunday afternoon July 11.
Meeting was adjourned at 5:30.

Los Angeles Chapter

No meeting was held in June. A picnic was held on June 13 instead.

Bob East, Chairman district 12

Little People of America, Inc. District 12 July 1965

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National Convention Report
An official report of the events and results will be published in the National Newsletter Starting with the August Issue.

The following is only my personal impression of the National Convention. Everything connected with the 1965 LPA Convention was of top quality. The motel, food, service, program and events were superb. Eleanor Ostrow, District 2 director, and her entire convention staff did a wonderful job planning and putting on the convention. If District 12 is ever successfull in being awarded the job of having the National Convention, I only hope that we will be able to do as well.

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DISTRICT 12 CONVENTION SEPT. 3 4 5 & 6 HACIENDA MOTEL BAKERSFIELD, CAL

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Aug. Ist was the day we met with Mr. Pitchford of the Hacienda Motel in Bakersfield to discuss plans for the third annual District 12 Convention. The Hacienda had already submitted a good bid about the end of June that we accepted. We arrived the day before and after working until 1:30 A.M. on a rough program we retired only to meet with Mr. Pitchford the next morning at 11:00 A.M. There we worked out further details with the motel and then started to work on speakers, arranging for an orchastra, ect. By 4:00 P. M. we finaly had rough program completed of which a copy appears later in this issue. Those attending the Bakersfield meeting were Marion and Betty Nichols with their two children Stacie and Alan, Billy and Shirley Barty, Anna Dixon with her daughter Debra, Shirley Leschander, Bob And Elsie East.

I would like at this time to comment on the Hacienda and the program that has been decided upon. The Hacienda is a top rate Motel and to those that attended the National Convention in Phoenix, I think that you will find this place as good or better. It is air conditioned throughout and has a unique arrangement of glass enclosed tunnels that connect all the units together. Food and service is very good. Prices are moderate. A very nice Olympic size swimming pool is but a few steps from the living quarters. Our dinning and meeting room will be the spacious Fiesta Room just off from the main lobby. This too will be our ball room after dinner for two evenings of dancing.
All in all, this is a fabulous motel and it along with the program that has been decided upon will be remembered in District 12 for years to come.

Turnout to this District 12 Convention may be a determining factor in deciding the 1967 National Convention. Over 160 attended the National Convention this year and it would not be dificult for District 12 to outdraw this number. After all, we are the largest district in the Nation.

It is not a definate fact yet but there may be several visitors from out of our district that will be attending our convention. One I know for sure and to those that have attende before know who he is.

On the following page is a form to fill out and mail to the Hacienda for reservations.

TEENAGERS! TEENAGERS!---Hear Ye Teenagers

THERE WILL BE a program of interest to TEENAGERS.

This is only a rough outline of the programe and is not final.

Fri. Sept. 3

Registration and meeting of old friends. There is something special as a surprise at this time.

Sat. Sept. 4

Breakfast on your own.

9:00

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10:00

To be anounced

12:00

Lunch

1:15 General membership meeting

2:30

Teemagers meeting. Fiesta Room

2:30

Parents Auxiliary meeting. Executive Room.

3:30

Swimming and social hour.

5:00

District Co-ordinators meeting. District Directors room.

6:15

Dinner

8:30

Music and dancing.

Sun. Sept. 5

Churchof your choice. A list of churches will be available. Arrange for own transportation.

Breakfast on your own.

10:30 General membership meeting.

12:00

Lunch.

2:00

Baseball game. North vs. South.

6:00

General membership meeting. Committee reports.

7:00

Banquet- Award Dinner

9:00

Dancing till 1?00

Mon. Sept. 6

Brakfast on your own.

10:30

General Membership meeting.

Farewell until we meet again.

Check-out time at the motel is 1:00 P.M.

The following are the rates per day for the convention.

Room Occupancy	Rate Per Person	Includes Two Meals Per Day
Single	12.62 Per Person	" " " "
Double	10.54 " "	" " " "
Triple	9.15 " "	" " " "
Quadruple	8.46 " "	" " " "

The two meals are for Saturday and Sunday. Lunch and Dinner each day.
For those that arrive on Friday, there will be no meals on the convention price. Meals will be on your own. Room price will be as quoted minus 4.30 per person.

Sleeping accomodations for children will be free providing they use their parents facilities. Food for the children will be 4.30 per day. The above prices are complete including food tax, gratuity, and 4% county room tax.

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Room Reservation Request

Name_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _Arrival Date _ _ _ _ _ _ _

Address _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _Departure Date_ _ _ _ _ _ _

Organization Represented_ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _No. In Party _ _

Type of Room_ _ _ _Single, Twin or Doubl e.

Mail to Bakersfield Hacienda
99 Hwy. at Terrace Way
P.O. Box 4217, Sta. B
Bakersfield, Calif.

Do You Have Problems Climbing Stairs?___Yes___No.

Please be certain that we receive your room reservation 10 days in advance along with one days room charge. Otherwise your groups room block will be released.

Remember this. The Hacienda has set aside 60 rooms for our convention with the condition that more will be available if needed.

Directions to the Bakersfield Hacienda if traveling by auto.
Proceed to Bakersfield and take the freeway by-pass. Go to Brundage Lane and turn East. Go to Old Highway 99 and turn right. Follow old highway 99 until you come to the Hacienda

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CHAPTER NEWS

Bay Area Chapter Meeting of July 10,1965
The meeting w as called to order at 7:50 P.M. by pres. Al Stickney. Mary Jane Carlino gave the opening prayer in the abcense of Pat Murray who is on vacation in Vancouver. The minutes were read and aproved. The treas. report was given and approved. Roll call was taken.
Old Business--- The second half of the money for the baseball field was refunded.
A report was given for the picnic on July 25 at Tilden park in Berkely. Bring your own food and invite your friends if you wish.
New Business---The letter to the National Board of Directors was disscussed and it was moved and seconded that the letter be sent to the National President.
A motion was made and seconded that members who do not pay their local dues will be excluded from all chapter funtions.
A motion was made and seconded that the chapter give the newly-weds, Chico and Juanita Colla, a wedding gift.
Elsie checked our refreshment supplies and handed in a list of needed items.
Bob Poe and Mannette Anderson will serve refreshments at the next meeting.
Bob East will be attending the National Convention in New Jersey. He also gave the report that the district convention will be held in Bakersfield over the Labor Day, Weekend.
Mrs. Rogers invited all members to attend the Sacramento Area meetings held on the second weekend of each month. Sunday afternoons at 2:00
This was the first anniversery of Martin Rogers joining the LPA.
Meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M. Members enjoyed having refreshments and playing Bingo for the rest of the evening.

The Bay Area's first picnic of the year on July 25 was a huge success. A good turnout was made plus the fact that two prospective new members made their appearance. Doug Thaxton of Mountain View and Mathew Roloff of San Francisco, both Little Littles.

Sacramento Area Meeting of July 11,1965
The meeting was called to order by president Roger Brown at the home of Nova Cobb at 2:30 P.M.
Old business was brought up about Mrs. Dominia being Vise President. She was nominated, seconded, and passed. She accepted the position.
Mrs. Rogers clairified the way that the dues shoud be paid into the local chapter.
The Teenage group was discussed.
The next meeting will be held at the home of Roger Brown in Citrus Hieghts.
The District Convention was discussed.
Meeting was adjourned at 3:30 followed by pot-luck.

No News from the Los Angeles Chapter.

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"Our hoard may be little, but our hearts can be great."

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Many of our members i n LPA have the job of promoting a National product of some kind. It would be benificial if whenever the opportunity came up to try and purchase the product conected with them. The following is but a few of the ones available.

Squirt beverages by our own National Vice President Bill Albaough

Oscar Meyer Meat Products by Vince Vella

Eggo Food Products by Bob Gay of San Jose.

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Late News.
Frieda Groenweld was a visitor to district 12 recently on her Western vacation.
Several people from district 12 will be attending the convention of our nieghbor to the North district 11 directed by Shirley Berg. Convention dates will be Aug. 13,14,15. in Portland.

I would like to ask as a special favor from those that do plan to attend the District Convention to drop me a post card telling how many are going and what day you will arrive. In this way we can plan a much better program.

Bob East, Chairman Dist. 12
3807 Brookdale Ave.
Oakland, Calif. 94619

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LITTLE PEOPLE OF AMERICA, INC. DISTRICT 12 AUGUST 1965

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This will be the final news before the District 12 Convention September 3,4,5, & 6 in Bakersfield.

Response has been great so far and enthusiasm is riseing every minute. At first it was thought that only a few people would be arriving early. Now it looks as though there will be a fair sized group planning to be there Friday evening. This is following the same trend as many of those attending the National Convention did this year. Something special is planned for those that do come on Friday evening.

Final arrangments of the program are just about complete and it looks real interesting. The following are but a few of the highlights that are planned.

TEENAGE DISCUSSION

Co-chairmen of the District 12 Teenage Group report that they have some interesting things to be accomplished during the convention.

PARENTS AUXILIARY MEETING

This will be the first time for parents of Little Littles from all parts of the district to discuss with LPA members and other parents some of the situations they may have with their children.

THE BASEBALL GAME

This will be one of the highlights of the entire convention. The North-South ball game. A good field in is reserve and it looks like it will be quite interesting. The men will play first then the women. All ball players! Bring as much baseball equipment as you can.

This years first prize in the drawing will be a weekend for two at the Hacienda Motel in Las Vegas.

There will be a registration fee for those attending the convention. This will be used for part of the expences of the convention. Fees will be as follows

Single LPA Member 2.00 Non-Member 4.00
Family LPA Member 3.00 Non-Member 5.00

It is not too late for those of you that have not yet made reservations. The Hacienda is a large motel and should be able to handle late comers. Just don't wait too long though.

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I would like at this time to write a few lines on my recent trip to attend the District 11 Convention in Portland Oregon. My family and I left on Aug. 11 after work and drove to Sacramento. There we stayed overnight with Martin Rogers and his family. The next day, I drove straight thru to Portland. The three day affair was realy wonderful and we were able to meet many new friends. Saturday evening was their banquet at a very nice resturant overlooking the Willamette River. Sunday was an all day picnic at Blue Lake Park just outside of Portland. Sunday afternoon after the picnic, we were able to we were able to accept a prior invitation and spend a couple of days at Shirley Berg's farm. Her place is located about 65 North-West of Portland in as beautiful country that I have ever seen. To outdoor type people, her farm is a paradise. Most of her place is still in timber and it is like out of this world. It was with deep regret that Tuesday morning we had to head back to the land of asphalt, concrete and SMOG.

Robert Shoemaker of the Bay Area Chapter also made the trip up to the District 11 doings traveling up and back on the bus.

TEENAGE NEWS

Darlene and Dorene Howsden report that there has been a large increase in the correspondance amoung the teenagers. On my recent trip to the National Convention and also up to District 11, I was able to bring back to the girls a good sized list of names of teenagers. They will be corresponding with these new people and in time spread the names around to those that are interested.

The twins report too that it looks like we will have a good number of teenagers at our convention in Bakersfield.

They say this to those that may be in doubt. "If you miss this one, you will be missing a time of your life".

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In case directions to the Hacienda Motel were lost, here they are again.

Entering Bakersfield on the Highway 99 freeway, turn to the East on the Brundage Lane turn off. Go East to the old 99 Highway and then turn right. Go South on this street until you come to the Hacienda Motel on your right.

In case of problems or trouble, the phone number is: FAirview 7-3333

CHAPTER NEWS

Bay Area Chapter Meeting of August 7

The meeting was called to order followed by the openning prayer given by Pat Murray. The minutes of the last meeting were given and approved. The roll call and treasurers report was given by Neno Carlino.

We had two guests with one of them being a prospective new member. Mathew Roloff and his family from San Francisco. The other guest was Jean Francis, guest of Carol Grey

A letter was received from Emory Sousa stateing that he has not been feeling too well and may have to have an operation. Otherwise he is doing all right since moving to the Los Angeles Area.

Old Business

All enjoyed the picnic at Tilden Park in spite of the cold weather.

New Business

The district convention will be held in Bakersfield over the Labor Day Weekend.

A motion was made and seconded to cancel the September meeting due to the conflicting date with the district convention.

Bob East gave a report on the National Convention in New Jersey. More will be given in the National Newsletter.

Gorden Pearl and Carol Grey will be in charge of refreshments for the Oct. Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M. after which bingo was played and enjoyed by all.

Sacramento Area Chapter.

No news at this time from the Sacramento Area.

Los Angeles Chapter

News is brief from the Los Angeles Area at this time. At the recent meeting nominations were in order for new officers for the coming year.

Those nominated for Chapter President were:

Len Garmen, Ralph Petty, Jerry Maren, and Harvey Williams. Richard Crandel was nominated but declined due to his coming marrage. Otto Bohmann and Billy Barty too were nominated but both declined to give the job to some new blood.

There is going to be a board of control to help the new officers.

A beach party and weiner bake is planned for Aug. 28 at 5:00 P.M. Place will be between Manhatten and Del Rey Beaches.

Vince Villa will be bringing 24 pounds of weiners, compliments of the Oscar Meyer Meat Co. Anna Dixon will furnish the Buns, Mustard, Relish ect.

More will be reported on this picnic in the next Newsletter.

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Bob East, Chairman District 12
Little People Of America, Inc.

Classified Section

People in the Los Angeles area. Need cards or gifts?
See Shirley Leschander at her Clover Leaf Gift Shop, 4919 Lankershim Blvd. N.Hollywood

A good meat product for anyone to buy is any of the Oscar Meyer Products. Not only do they have Vince Villa working here on the West Coast for them but they also have other LPA members working for them in other parts of the U.S.

Eggo Food Products are another company that has an LPA member working for them. Bob Gay from San Jose.

Reliable Chico Colla will still buy a drink for any LPA member that comes to Alioto's on Fisherman's Wharf in San Francisco.

Want to drive an automobile? I make extensions so Little People can drive very comfortably. Information sent free on request.

Bob East
3807 Brookdale Ave.
Oakland, Calif.
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This issue of the District 12 Newsletter is dedicated to Lola Cox who on October 7 will be 81 years old. Many, Many happy returns Lola.

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District 12 Convention Report in Brief

Although the District Convention did not officialy start until noon on Saturday, September 4th, there werealready present on Friday evening over 20 members. People had already started to arrive as early as 2:00 P.M. This in a way follows a trend throughout the nation with people arriving prior to convention start. Meeting old friends and socialising for the rest of the evening was enjoyed by all. Like all Little People Conventions, it was in the wee hours of the morning before everyone was retired.

Saturday noon at lunch was the official start of the convention. We were welcomed to the city of Bakersfield by Mayor Russell Karlen, to Kern County by District Attorney Kit Nelson and to the Hacienda Motel by our host Wally Pitchford. Immediately following lunch, Mayor Karlen, in private life being Dr. Karlen M.D., gave a very interesting talk on his practice of Radiology.

Honored guest was Paul Dolinejec former district 6 director. Paul is from Chicago and made the trip out West a two fold thing. One to visit with his brother in L.A. and to be able to attend our District 12 Convention.

Meetings followed were by the general membership, Teenagers, Parents Auxiliary, and the District Co-ordinators. Dr. Ruth Michaelson PhD. gave a very interesting talk at the Parents Auxiliary meeting.

The weather was not as hot as usual for Bakersfield but was still warm enough for a nice swim in the beautiful Hacienda pool. This activity was enjoyed by many during our stay at the motel.

Dinner was followed by dancing to a three piece orchastra until 1:00 A.M.

Sunday morning found everyone up earlier than expected and after church and breakfast the day was officialy started with a meeting at 10:30. At this meeting, Dr. Michaelson finished her interesting talk and then opened to the membership a question and answer period.

After lunch, it was preparations for the annual North-South baseball game. It was a good, tight, game but the South went away victorious the second year in a row.

6:00 P.M. was another meeting at which the different committees gave their reports. Special note should be made in relation to the Teenager's Report. This was the first time that anything has been done on this scale by the Teenage Group. It was a very good report and as a result will lead to better things in the future.

The last evening banquet was followed by the orchastra arriving and everyone up and dancing.

Monday, the final day, the final meeting before leaving for home.

The Convention, I am sure, was enjoyed by all. Many things for the future of District 12 were accomplished. Wes Newhart is going to work on getting San Diego together again to be the 4th active chapter in California. Another District meeting is planned for sometime around March. This will be a two day, one night type of meeting. Many more ideas were formulated and results will be printed in this news from time to time.

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News In The District

Just prior to District Convention, Melbia Hesson became the bride of Fred Berry. Wedding Bells have been ringig quite often in District 12 this year. I have an unconfirmed report of another marrage in the Los Angeles Area but wont release it until it is confirmed.

Elsie East was in the hospital for a week for a cyst removal. Nothing serious and is home getting along fine.

CHAPTER NEWS

Bay Area- No meeting for September due to the conflicting date with the Dist. Convention.

Sacramento Area- No news sent to me for September. October meeting to be held at the home of Martin Rogers. 5201 Ortega St. Sacramento.

Los Angeles- Elections were held at the Sept. meeting. Results were as follows: Len Garman Pres. Jerry Maren V.P. Aileen Garman Recording Sec. Anna Dixon Corresponding Sec. and Treasurer, Harvey Williams Sgt. at arms, Felix Silla Athletic Director, Parents Aux. Lee Lusk, Board of information Billy Barty, Launa Kinzel, Anna Dixon, Ways and Means Dorthy Henderson.

A letter was read congratulating the L.A. Area people for their turnout to the district convention

Next meeting scheduled for the third weekend in October.

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I wish at this time to thank all those that attended the District Convention. It was a wonderful time and I had the pleasure of meeting 4 people that have been members but never had the opportunity to meet.

Bob East, Chairman District 12

LITTLE PEOPLE OF AMERICA, INC. DISTRICT 12 OCTOBER 1965

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The District 12 Convention has been over for better than two months. Interest and enthusiasm is still high over the event. It is well agreed upon that future district conventions will be bigger and better.
This years District Convention was a foundation to plan better and more interesting get-togethers in the future.

Recognition is long over due to those that made t he District Convention a success. First to Billy Barty as the Convention Chairman. Many hours of planning and work went into this affair. Handling the program throughout the convention was indeed a job well done.
Then to Anna Dixon. "The Grand Woman of District 12". Without her hard work and efforts too numerous to count, many of the Convention activitys would have been a failure.
To the speakers, Dr. Ruth Michaelson from Los Angeles, Mayor Russell Karlen of Bakersfield, District Attorney Kit Nelson.
To Launa, Georgia Rossitto, Dorothy and Gene Henderson, Len And Aileen Garman, many, many thanks.
A very special thanks to Wally Pitchford of the Hacienda Motel. Wally went way out to make our convention most pleasing and successful.

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Speaking of Conventions
It is never too early to start thinking and planning for the 1966 National Convention next July in Austin Texas.
Recently I was able to see a brochure of the Villa Capri. This is the hotel where the convention will be held. It is indeed the most luxurious, Well laid out place that has been chosen for a National Convention up to this time. I hope before too long that I will have a supply of these brochures to send to all of you.

For those that are considering attending the National Convention from the West Coast. Plans are being made already to charter a plane to fly us to Austin. Billy Barty has been working on this and has been made a very good offer. A plane with 100 of us, leaving Los Angeles, can be had for $75.00 each, round trip to Austin. This will also include one meal. $75.00 is about 1/3 the regular price of a schedualed airline. With the Hotel charging 10.50 per day including three meals added to the plane fare, the total comes up to a small 127.50 minimum for 5 days. Never has an offer to a National Convention been as reasonable.
In the next district newsletter, I hope to have more detailed information regarding this plane deal.

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News Within the District

Al Stickney, leader of the Bay Area Chapter, became the first member to attend all three chapter meetings within the District in one calendar month. Bay Area, Sacramento Area, Los Angeles Area.
It would be very nice to find more people following this example. District 12 has the reputation of having a very friendly buch of people in it. What could be more friendly than to visit more amoung the chapters.

Wedding Bells Continue to Ring
It is now confirmed that Marilyn Stier has become the wife of Richard Crandall.
Judy Fraser has also taken the big step. Haven't received word as to the man's name she married as yet.

District 12 wishes to welcome back, as residents of California, Maurice and Margaret Alden. Before moving to Phoenix, both of these people were residents of the Los Angeles area. In Phoenix they met and were married. Some may remember their picture in the National Newsletter a few years ago. Anyway we are pleased to have them back in District 12.

I still have a few address lists and suppliments as of Sept. 1st. Any LPA member wishing one of these can have one by just droping me a line.

Received notice from our National Treasurer that 1966 National Dues are being accepted as of November 1st. This is an opportunity for any prospective new member to join now and take advantage of the extra months.
Singles- 5.00, Married couples or families- 7.50, Little Littles- 3.00. Big parents of Little Littles can join the Parents Auxiliary if they are interested. This is under the family plan.

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"For every minute you are in anger, you lose sixty seconds of happiness".

News of interest outside of District 12

Sally Bedow, wife of Naticnal Treasurer Charles Bedow, has just underwent an operation on her leg. It is reported that she will be in a cast for six months or longer. To those that know Sally, why don't you drop her a note?
Address-- Sally Bedow, Box 126, Owatonna, Minn. 55060

Some may not know that Earl Warr of Goodyear Ariz. was involved in an auto accident on his return from the National Convention. "Uncle Earl," as he is known to many of us, has long been interested in the welfare of District 12. He has made it a point to attend as many of its programs, Conventions, ecb. as possable. It is hoped that he is well and up and about by now. To those that are interested and know Uncle Earl, drop him a line. Earl Warr, Box 484, Goodyear, Ariz. I have just heard another weak rumor about this grand friend of ours. It is a good one and I hope that it is true but can't release it until it is confirmed.

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News in brief from around the Chapters

Los Angeles--Meeting place, Plummer Park 7377 Santa Monica Blvd. Third Sat. 7:30 P.M.
New leader, Len Garman conducted hms first meeting since being elected. It has been said that he did a very fine job.
Christmas Banquet Night - Sat. Dec. 4 - 6:00 P.M.
No official news has been received at the writeing of this newsletter.

Sacramento Area-- Meets The Sunday following the 2nd Sat. 2:30 P.M. Starting with the December meeting, place will be Easter Seal Foundation Building 3205 Hurley Way, Sacramento
President, Roger Brown introduced visitors from the Bay Area Chapter Al Stickney and Lyle Myers.
Reports were made followed by discussion on the new meeting place offered by the Easter Seal Foundation. Will be no cost only requirment is to clean up after the meeting.
A Christmas party for December was discussed. More to be brought up at the November Meeting.
The District Director gave a brief resume on the National and District Conventions.
The National Convention for 1976 was discussed and Mr. East answered as many questions as he could.
Meeting was adjourned to a Hot Dog Barbaque on the Rogers Patio. Then a birthday cake and ice cream conse in honor of Jimmy Browns birthday. 14 years old.

Bay Area-- Meets 1st Sat of each month. 2339-38th Ave. Oakland 7:30 P.M.
Following the opening prayer, the reports of the group were given.
One visitor, a Mrs. Higly was introduced by the president Al Stickney. Mrs Higly is a freelance reporter and may do a writeup on the group.
Three prospective new members were introduced, Cathy Samson and Lyle Myers from San Francisco and Susan Court from Oakland.
A motion was made and seconded that the group have a Turkey Raffle. Tickets to be sold to club members and friends only. Hilda will make up and mail out tickets to the members.
Doloris Vercellino and Juanita Colla to be in charge of the Nov. Refreshments.

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WANTED!!! Items of interest, news, personal experiences that would be beneficial to LPA. It is difficult to make up a good newsletter without something from the members.

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Classified Section--

THE OFFER STILL STANDS THAT CHICO COLLA WILL BUY A DRINK FOR ANY LPA MEMBER HAVING DINER AT ALIOTO'S ON FAMED FISHERMAN'S WHARF IN SAN FRANCISCO.

Christmas is coming!!!! Cards and gifts at Shirley Leshander's Clover Leaf Gift Shop
4919 Lankershim Blvd. No. Hollywood

Extensions for Little People to drive. I am making up a good supply for Christmas.
For information write. Imediate delivery for most makes of American Autos.

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"If you are unable to do great things, then try to do Little things great".

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Chairman Dist. 12 Bob East
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LITTLE PEOPLE OF AMERICA, INC. DISTRICT 12 NEWSLETTER DECEMBER 1965

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To all the members in district 12 and to all the friends that this newsletter may reach, please accept my wishes that the holliday season was the greatest that you ever had.

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This issue of the news is late, very late. I accept full resposability for it being so. I dislike excusses but must give one. My job and health has had me tied down for a while but everything is now 0 K. I hope that this don't happen again.

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With the ending of December ends the year. I would like to make this issue one to look back over the major events of 1965.

District 12, the largest within the Nation. Even before the National Convention in July, we had more than a 100% increase in LPA memberships over the prior year. Not o only were we tops in LPA memberships we were tops also with the largest list of known Little People living within the district.

The best news for the year was the success of the people in the Sacramento area to form another active chapter within the district. At their first election of officers, Roger Brown was made the man to head this group and has been doing an outstanding job ever since. There can't be enough praise given to a more deserving person than Mrs. Helen Rogers. She was the one actualy responsable in making all the contacts and arrangments to start things in that area. Since then she has helped out in so many ways and is now in the process of organizing a branch of the Parents Auxiliary up there.

San Diego too has started to get things rolling again. Not a great amount of news as yet but word has it that Wes Newhart has been contacting people and may soon have a meeting of all those interested in forming yet another active chapter for the district.

The Parents Auxiliary, especialy in the Los Angeles area, took great strides in " 65 ". With a committee of so many interested people, it has taken an accelerated role in the development of yet another important phase within our district. It has provided a lead for other parents of Little Littles to follow. A major accomplishment of this group is that there are many parents of Little Littles who now have a much better pease of mind.

The Teenagers ended up much higher in developing into an organized group. The District Convention was a proving ground for this. A very informative report was made from the results of the group disscussion. Many teenagers all over the country have been corresponding with the co-chairmen of our group and it is hoped that with the results of our district work it will go even further into a National leval.

Early in the year, Mrs Rogers of Sacramento made an initial contribution to establish a district scholarship fund. Later in the year, she again made another donation bringing the totah up to 117.00. Work has been under way to establish a committee to handle all the details in regard to this program. There will be more news on this program in the very near future.

1965 was a year of romance too for District 12. The most weddings yet for any one year. Those now being called Mr. & Mrs. are; Chico and Juanita Colla, Felix and Sue Silla, Fred and Melba Berry, Dick and Marilyn Crandall, Ralph and Myrtle Petty. Judy Fraser is now Mrs. Ball. It was indeed a year of romance.

Along with marrages inevitably come children. Two LPA familys were blessed with new arrivals in " 65 ". Early in the year, a boy was born into the Joe and Deloris Vercellino family. In September, a girl into the home of Bob And Lorraine Cay.

September was the month of our District Convention. This was the first time for us to try and have a Convention at a motel. Being that it was the first time for this type of a Convention, a lot was learned from it. True, there were a few things that did not go over too well but all in all we did have a wonderful time. For the three days we were in Bakersfield, a mighty lot was crammed into the 60 odd hours we were there.

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"Stature alone doesn't determine the size of a man"

VERY IMPORTANT!!!

To all those that are interested in taking the plane trip for the National Convention. It is important that you contact Billy Barty immediately if you plan on taking advantage of the 75.00 round trip offer. March is the deadline for this offer. Remember! It is in the 200.00 range via regular airlines.

Address-- Billy Barty
4502 Farmdale Ave.
No. Hollywood, Calif. 91602

Chapter News---

Bay Area
After a brief business meeting, it was the Christmas party. Business consisted mostly on discussion of the forthcoming banquet. It was decided to have interested persons on the San Francisco side of the Bay to seek bids from nice restraunts for the banquet. The place will be decided at the January meeting.
At the November meeting Launa Shelton's brotherdonated a turkey for the drawinging. Due to a missunderstanding, another turkey was purcahsed to give as th e prize. As a result, it was decided to cook the given turkey and have it for the December meeting. Mary Jane Carlino did a fine job wi th the cooking.
After several turkey sandwiches each, an exchange of gifts was performed. Gifts were received by all those present. A very nice social evening was had by all. Throughout the evening, Chritsmas songs were sung by the membership. Lyle Myers, one of our newest members, played the piano in accompaniment to the group.
The party broke up late with a good feeling in the hearts of all.

Sacramento Area-- December meeting

The meeting was called to order and it was immediately suggested by the president that the meeting be kept short so the Christmas program could be presented as soon as Armondo the Magician arrived.
Mrsl DeMainia read the minutes of the November meeting held hat the home of Gene and Tammy Kathan. No objections to the minutes as read.
Payment of dues were called upon and recorded of those present.
It had been agreed on at the prior meeting to take donations from the membership and purchase a coffee pot. Mr. Rogers agreed to go ahead and buy one and collect for it' later. Price of the pot was 7.32 of which Mr. Rogers himself donated 1.00. The collection amounted to over the 6.32 balance and it was agreed upon to use this for coffee ect.
This was the first meeting to be held at the Easter Seal Center. It was noted that this will be the permante place and that thwre is no cost. All that is expected is that the place be left clean.
Mrs. Rogers, chairman of the Parents group, asked for ideas for additional "Random Thoughts". This little paper has been well accepted within the group and in educational circled in Sacramento, as well as being the basis for some extra credit work being done by Irving Scibles teacher, who visited our October meeting.
Our entertainment arrived at the door. Kevin Brown made a motion for adjournment. It was seconded and the meeting adjourned at 3:45 P.M.
The meeting was followed by a delightful 45 minutes of entertainment by a highly qualified magician, "Armondo", with the help of his very able assistant, Jeanie. Following the show, we all indulged in the specially prepared Christmas treats, coffee and punch. Then a friendly circle was formed for the distribution of the gifts. There were some exchanging of gifts, and everyone left happy and full of Christmas fellowship and good will.

Los Angeles Area-- No news at this time. I hope for the next issue to have a full report on the Los Angeles activities.

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Little People Of America, National dues are due and payable as of January 1st.
Singles-- 5.00, Married couples or familys-- 7.50, Little Littles-- 3.00
Send dues to Bob East, 3807 Brookdale Ave. Oakland, Calif. 94619 or
Deloris Vercellino, 896 Mango Ave. Sunnyvale, Calif.94087

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I plan to try my best to have the next issue out on or about February 1st or 2nd. News is vital and would appreciate hearing from people.

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Bob East, Chairman Dist. 12
Little People of America, Inc.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

of the

"LITTLE PEOPLE OF AMERICA"

ARTICLE I

Name

Section 1. This association shall be known as the Little People of America.

ARTICLE II

Objects

Section 1. The object of this association is to unite the Little People of America for their better protection, to create and/or stimulate new interests, and to enforce good faith and fair dealings and better relations by and between members.

ARTICLE III

Officers

Section 1. The officers of this association shall consist of a President, President-Elect, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary and a Sergeant-at-Arms. All above constituting the Board of Directors.

Section 2. The term of office of all officers shall commence at the adjournment of the meeting at which they are elected and shall continue for two years.

Section 3. The President shall preside at all meetings of the association; shall keep in touch with the problems of the association; shall appoint, with the approval of the Board of Directors, all standing and special committees necessary to further the work of the association and/or the interests of the members.

Section 4. The President-Elect in the absence of the President, shall assume the duties of President. In the event of a vacancy occuring in the office of President, the President-Elect shall succeed to the office of President. At the end of the term of office of the chairman, the President-Elect shall automatically succeed to the office of President.

Section 5. The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of the minutes of all meetings of the association; preserve all records and correspondence of the association; and keep an accurate list of the names and addresses of all members of the association.

ARTICLE IV

Membership

Section 1. Citizens of the United States of America or Canada. Little People over sixteen years of age, who are efficient and of good character, and who are citizens of the United States of America, or Canada, or who have declared their intentions of becoming such by taking out their first papers, shall be eligible for membership.

Section 2. Citizens of Foreign Countries shall, according to the qualifications of Section 1, become honorary members.

Section 3. Honorary members shall not be qualified to hold office in the Little People of America.

ARTICLE V

Funds

Section 1. There shall be no admission fees, yearly dues, fines or assesments.

ARTICLE VI

Jurisdiction and Affiliations

Section 1. The United States of America shall be in the jurisdiction of District I.

Section 2. Charter members of Little People of America shall be delegates at large.

ARTICLE VII

Allegiance-Subversive Activities

Section 1. The association shall purge its membership of all subversive elements by, after trial, expelling any member who carries out, or assists in carrying out a program of Communistic propaganda within the association, either by word of mouth, activities or through any other method, including propaganda through papers and material which have for their purpose the undermining of the association, the hindering of its success by boring from within all for the purpose of dominating by Communistic elements or to bring about the weakening or destruction of the association.

Section 2. The association shall not suffer a known Communist to become a member of the Little People of America and registration in the Communist party shall be deemed sufficient cause for the expulsion of any member.

Section 3. For the purpose of this article, proof of Communistic activities as set forth by Communistic literature and tactics used by Communists in other organizations shall be sufficient cause for the expulsion of any member.

Section 4. Advocacy of the overthrow of the government of the United States of America, or affiliation with any group known or proved to be Communistically controlled, shall be grounds for expulsion.

Section 5. Discrimination by any member of this association in employment opportunities or in any way whatsoever because of race or religion, shall be deemed, upon proof of same, good and sufficient grounds for immediate expulsion.

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Resolutions and Committees

Travel committee -- wants half fare on planes, trains and buses.

Food committee -- to research and make recommendations toward petitioning the National Restaurant Association for half-price meals, lower cafeteria steam tables so "we can see what we are buying" and modified stools and chairs to aid eating. Committee also should urge Culinary Workers' Union employees to desist from such remarks as "What will you have, sonny?" and pats on the head when serving little people.

Shoe committee -- to research and make recommendations as to procedure toward having a mass production shoe manufacturer create midget-size shoes at reasonable prices, thereby freeing little people from high prices of the present obligatory custom-made shoes.

Telephone booth committee -- to meet with and importune Bell Telephone Company for telephone booths reachable by 4 feet persons; also to include glass paneling on BOTTOM of phone booths so when a little person is occupying a booth a big person will not be trying to butt in.

Dictionary committee -- To research and contact all dictionary manufacturers that more complete definitions of the word "midget" be incorporated in all dictionaries. Present definitions generally say, "A very small person....see 'dwarf'". This is not accurate.

Hi,

This coming meeting of the Little People of the Bay Area will begin with our regular Potluck. Please bring something in the same catagory as you brought to the August meeting. Don't forget a prize for the raffle!

DATE: SATURDAY OCTOBER 5
TIME: 6:30 P.M.
PLACE: BOBBY POE
1779 LANDANA
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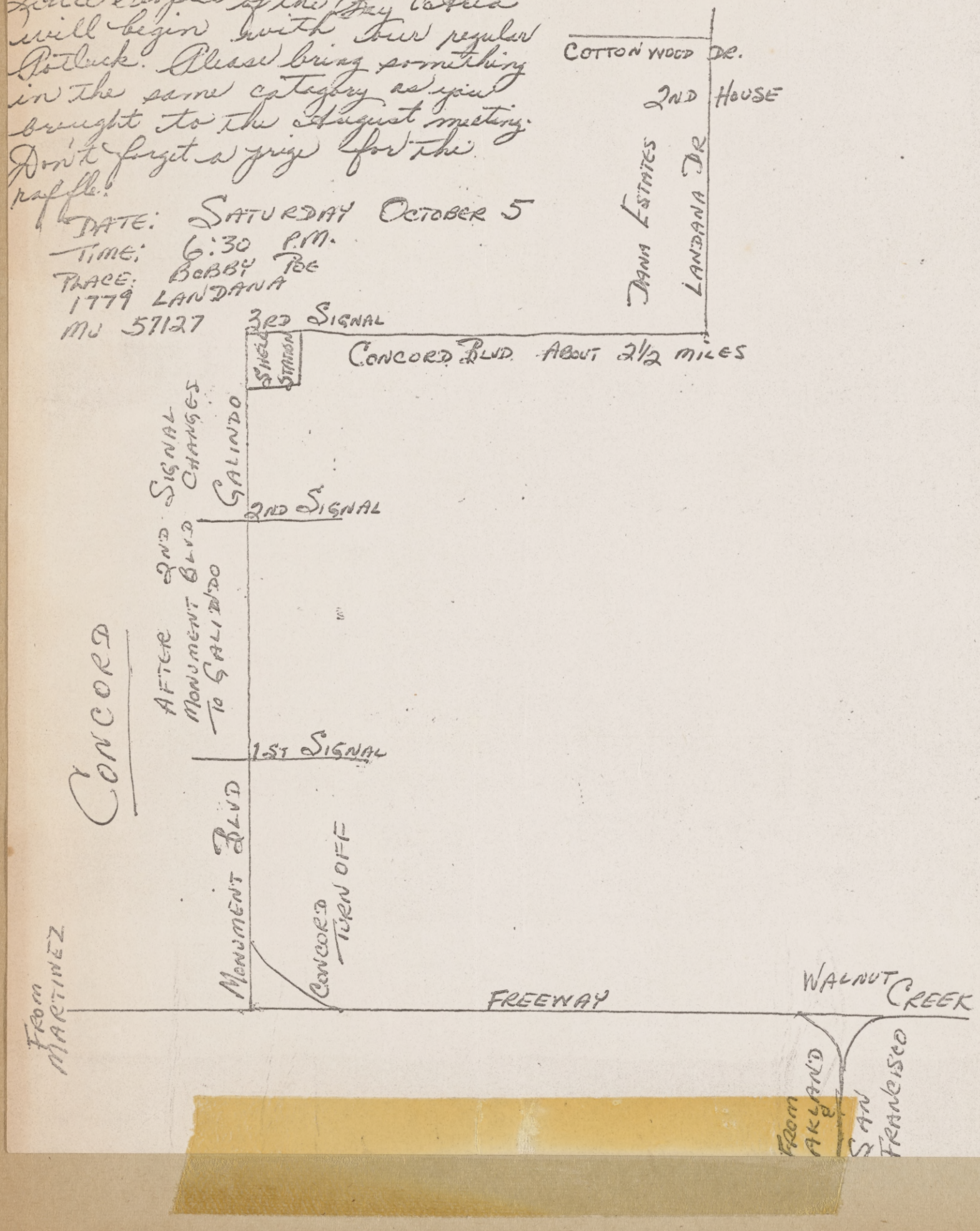

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THE OFFICERS OF THE LOS ANGELES CHAPTER WOULD LIKE TO WISH EVERYBODY SEASON'S GREETINGS FOR THE COMING YEAR. WE HOPE THAT EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU WILL DOUBLE YOUR EFFORTS TO MAKE 1966 A MEMORABLE YEAR FOR THE CHAPTER.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDERS THAT THE SQUARE DANCES AND MEETINGS WILL BE HELD ON THE THIRD SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH, AND THE DISCUSSION WILL BE HELD THE 4TH FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH. YOU WILL RECEIVE A NOTICE IN THE EVENT THERE IS A CHANGE.

PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO SQUARE DANCE & MEETING THE THIRD SATURDAY OF THIS MONTH. THIS IS DUE TO THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY WHICH WILL BE HELD ON DECEMBER 19TH, AT 1:30 P.M. EACH CHILD SHOULD BRING A GIFT, THE COST OF THE GIFT IS NOT TO EXCEED 50¢. A PRIZE WILL BE GIVEN FOR THE GIFT THAT IS WRAPPED THE BEST, SO THE CHILDREN MUST MAKE AN EFFORT TO WRAP THEIR OWN GIFT. ALSO, THERE WILL BE NO DISCUSSION GROUP THIS 4TH FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY: PLACE: PLUMMER PARK, 7377 SANTA MONICA BLVD., L.A.
DATE: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19. TIME: 1:30 P.M.

MOTHERS WILL BRING ONE ITEM OF FOOD; EITHER A CASSEROLE - DESSERT - OR SALAD. IF ANY MOTHER WISHES TO DEVIATE FROM THESE ITEMS, PLEASE CALL US FIRST. YOU CAN CALL LUANA SHELTON AT 845-3648, AILEEN GARMAN AT 327-0570 OR GEORGIE ROSSITTO AT HO 3-6353. ALSO, WE MUST KNOW HOW MANY BOYS OR GIRLS THERE WILL BE FROM EACH FAMILY SO PLEASE FILL OUT THE QUESTIONAIRE AT THE BOTTOM OF THE PAGE AND MAIL IT TO:

BILLY BARTY - 4502 FARMDALE AVENUE
NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA 91602

LEN GARMANN HAS THE DISTRICT CONVENTION PICTURES. THERE IS A GROUP PICTURE AND ALSO THE BASEBALL. THESE ARE 75¢ APIECE. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CALL LEN AT 327-0570.

WE HATE TO REMIND YOU, HOWEVER THE 1966 NATIONAL DUES ARE ONCE AGAIN PAYABLE. LET'S ALL MAKE A BIG EFFORT TO GET THESE IN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

FAMILY $7.50 SINGLE $5.00 LITTLE LITTLE $3.00

MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO: LITTLE PEOPLE OF AMERICA INC. DISTRICT 12, AND MAIL TO BOB EAST, DISTRICT 12 CHAIRMAN - 3807 BROOKDALE AVE., OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA. DO IT NOW!! DON'T WAIT. WHEN YOU PAY NATIONAL YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO VOTE IN THE DISTRICT MEETINGS AND CHAPTER MEETINGS.

INFORMATION FOR CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY: NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZONE _____

CHECK ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:

I WILL BE THERE _____. I WILL NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND _____

HOW MANY CHILDREN IN FAMILY: GIRLS _____ BOYS _____

MAIL THIS INFORMATION IN TODAY PLEASE!

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